

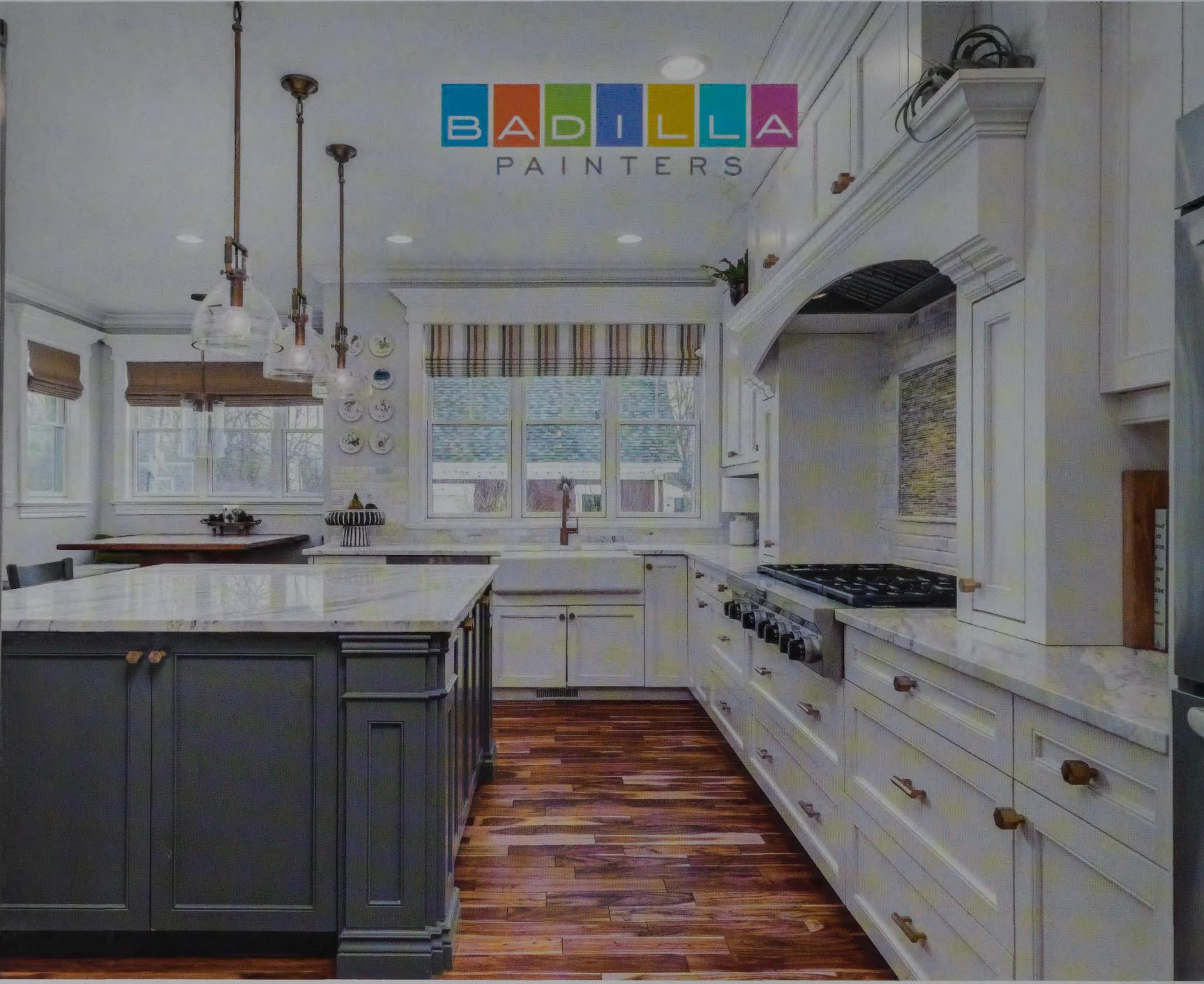
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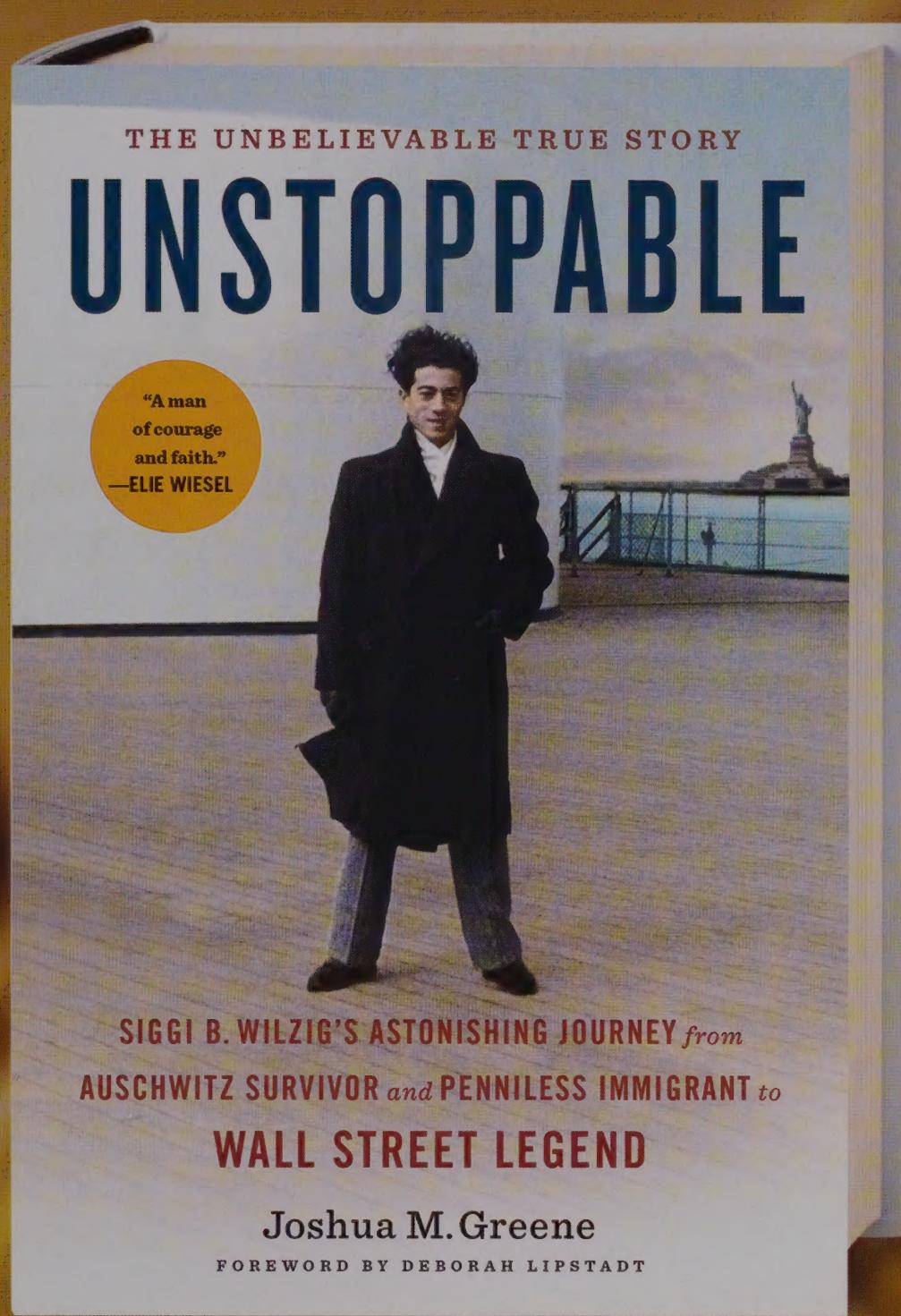
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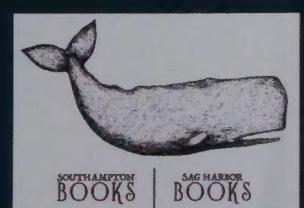
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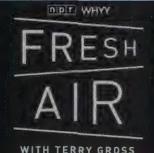


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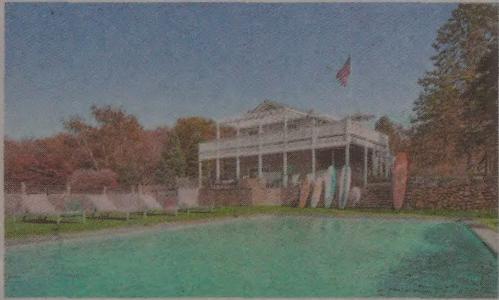
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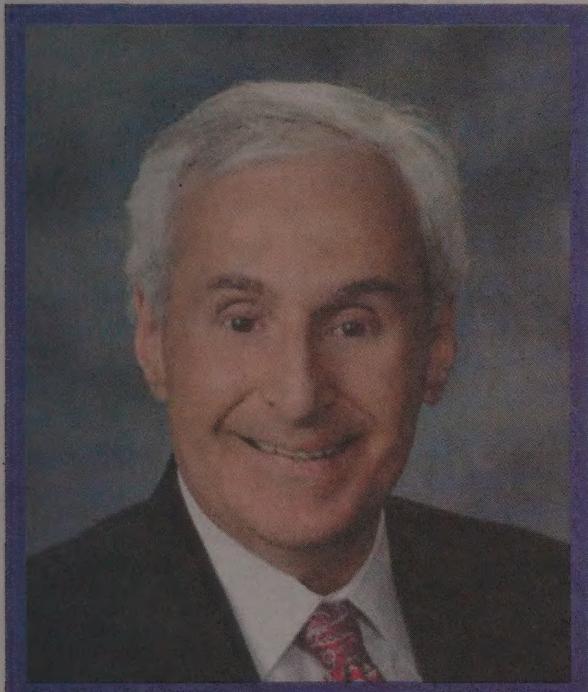
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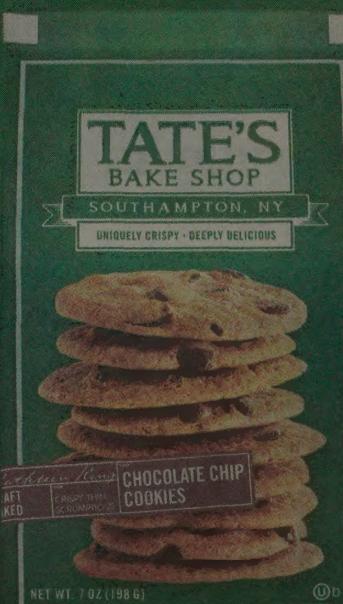
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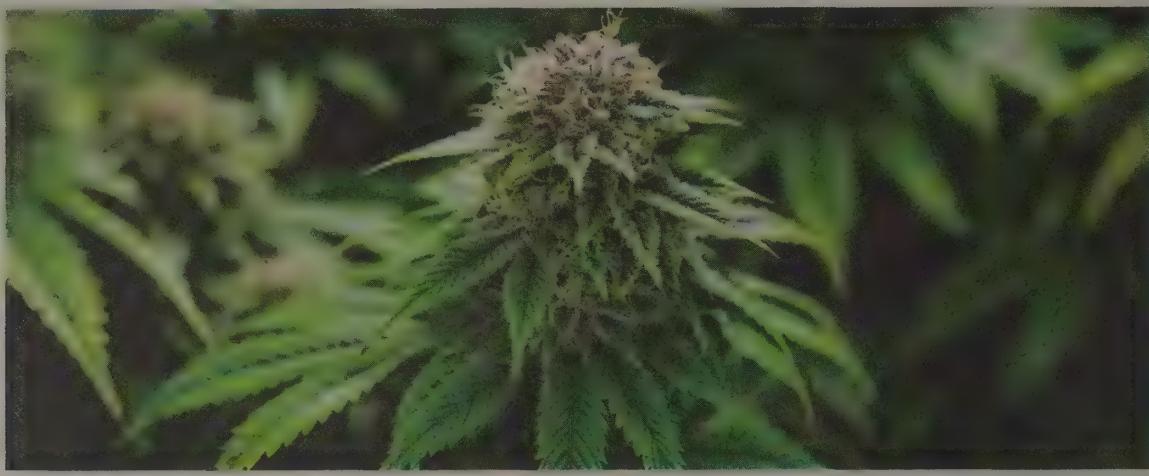
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**B**lack Widow, the long-awaited Marvel Cinematic Universe film starring Amagansett's **Scarlett Johansson**, has been pushed again from its May release to July 9. The film, which will debut as a premium rental on the Disney+ streaming service in addition to its the-

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atrical release, has been pushed over a year from its original date due to COVID-19 shuttering most movie theaters. *Black Widow* is a solo adventure exploring the life and history of Johansson's beloved Marvel heroine, a former KGB agent who ultimately sacrifices herself for the good of the universe in *Avengers: Endgame*. There's no word if prequel will be Johansson's final turn as the character, but costar **Florence Pugh** is said to be taking the *Black Widow* title.

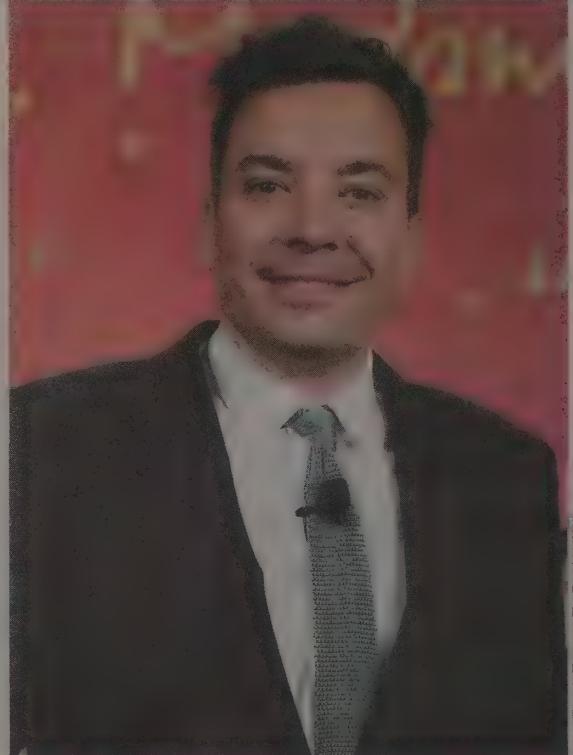
**S**creenwriter **Diablo Cody** has completed her script for Hamptonite **Madonna**'s upcoming biopic. Madonna will direct the film herself. Cody reportedly spent much of 2020 working on the screenplay with the music icon.

**D**id you see the big event? Hamptonite **Mariska Hargitay** and **Chris Meloni** reunited in *Law & Order: SVU* and the premiere of *Law & Order: Organized Crime* in a special crossover on April 1. Hargitay and Meloni played opposite each other on SVU for 10 seasons as detective partners Olivia Benson and Elliot Stabler until Meloni exited the show between Seasons 12 and 13. Benson remains the star of the show today, with *SVU* in its record-breaking 22nd season, and Meloni is now back to headline the new *Organized Crime* series. The two-part special reintroduces Stabler, now an NYPD liaison in Rome, who returns to Manhattan with wife Kathy and son Eli to testify in a major organized crime trial and attend an awards ceremony for Benson. After Kathy is shock-

ingly killed in a car bombing meant for Stabler, he resolves to stay in Manhattan and take down the mafia responsible for his wife's murder. The episodes also delved into the unresolved partnership of Benson and Stabler, with Stabler writing a letter to his former partner. Viewers don't yet know what the letter says. Check out *Law & Order: SVU* and *Law & Order: Organized Crime* on NBC and Peacock.

**L**earn about how Hamptons couples **Julianne Moore** and **Bart Freundlich** and **Don Lemon** and **Tim Malone** adopted their furry friends on page 50.

**H**amptonite **Andy Cohen** weighed in on the latest *Real Housewives* scandal on *Radio Andy*. Speaking about *Salt Lake City* star Jen Shah's arrest for telemarketing fraud, he sighed, "Oy vey... I'm waiting to see how it plays out. I have nothing to add to what we already know, other than I certainly hope and pray that none of it is true." Shah and her assistant **Stuart Smith** were arrested for scamming people in a telemarketing scheme and both pled not guilty.



JIMMY FALLON

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**S**agaponack's **Jimmy Fallon** addressed a recent controversy on *The Tonight Show*. After a segment in which TikTok influencer **Addison Rae** taught Fallon some dance moves that were later found to be lifted from young, Black TikTokers, Fallon said: "We recognize the creators of those dances deserve to have their own spotlight." He then spoke to many of the creators via Zoom.

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2. Marketing Director of Manhattan Motorcars Robert Marchhart, St. Mary's Hospital for Children Volunteer **Robert Heicklen**
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Families enjoyed an afternoon at Corwith Farmstand in Water Mill as they visited with the Easter Bunny, hunted for eggs and participated in outdoor activities and crafts. Photographs Courtesy of Hudson's Helping Hands



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## NY Ethics Board Admonishes East Hampton Town Judge for Helping Political Candidate

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

**A** New York State oversight agency admonished a judge who presides over East Hampton Town Court and Sag Harbor Village Court for helping a political candidate, which violates judicial ethics.

The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct admonished Justice Lisa Rana on March 18 for engaging in inappropriate political activity by editing letters to the editor authored by David Gruber, who tried to unseat East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scyoc in 2019.

Rana "admitted that she participated in prohibited political activity and prohibited campaign activity when she edited candidate Gruber's draft submissions," the commission wrote. "Even political activity that is anonymous violates the rules. [Rana] also violated the ethical rules when she provided strategic political advice to candidate Gruber."

Rana, a Republican, was advising Gruber, a Democrat running on the Independence and Libertarian lines against the Democratic incumbent. *The East Hampton Star*, which received some of the letters along with *The Independent*, first reported on the issue when an editor noticed that the judge's name was in the "track changes" editing function on files submitted to the newspapers.

"The letter that was sent to the *Indy* and *Star* did have the tracking turned off, yes?" Rana wrote to Gruber. "Otherwise, they will see my name attached to the corrections?? That would be very bad ... indeed."

Gruber denied sending files showing Rana edited his letters. But when a reporter questioned her about it at the time, Rana admitted editing the letters and denied that she violated the rules. She later acknowledged to the commission that she knew providing political advice to a candidate was wrong.

Rana, an attorney for 28 years who grew up in East Hampton, has been a town justice since 2004 and village justice since 2011. Her terms for both posts expire in 2023.

"She did not edit any political opinion essays and letters to the editor for any other political candidate and will not do so in the future," the commission wrote. "Prohibited political activity is not rendered-permissible by being conducted anonymously. While judges are permitted to engage in political activity on behalf of their own campaigns for judicial office, the ethical rules strictly prohibit a judge's direct and indirect engagement in political activity..."

The commission concluded, "We trust that respondent has learned from this experience and in the future will act in strict accordance with her obligation to abide by all the rules governing judicial conduct."

## NY Withholding Location Data on Emerging COVID-19 Strains

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

**T**he UK and South African strains of the coronavirus have been confirmed on Long Island, but New York State and local health officials are refusing to specify where beyond which county — a lack of disclosure that some find troubling.

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services has for years publicly disclosed the town of residence for patients diagnosed with novel infectious diseases — oftentimes West Nile Virus cases — but despite repeated requests to apply the same policy to the new COVID-19 strains, agency representatives refuse to disclose such information.

"We cannot release further details due to patient privacy," said Jill Montag, a spokesperson for the state Department of Health. "In instances where the number of cases is small, patient confidentiality prohibits the department from disclosing this information."

There were 154 confirmed cases of the UK strain statewide, including 12 in Suffolk, as of February 23, the last date the state released data on the variant, when a second case of the South African variant was confirmed in Nassau County.

"We are referring questions about more specific hometowns within Suffolk to the state," Grace Kelly-McGovern, public relations director for the Suffolk County Department of Health Services said when asked for the towns of the 12 patients in that county.

By citing patient privacy, the state is effectively invoking the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), which is meant to keep medical information from being shared without consent. But critics say HIPAA doesn't apply if the patient's identity



A MICROGRAPH OF A COVID-19-INFECTED CELL

isn't disclosed.

"HIPAA only applies to personal information, not general data," said Dr. David Belk, an internist from California. "Providing public data showing 20,000 people in Smith County is not a HIPAA violation. As long as the medical information provided cannot be traced back to any particular person, making it public is not a HIPAA violation."

Good government advocates also cried foul.

"I don't see a HIPAA issue with releasing COVID numbers by town and agree that such information should be provided," said Paul Wolf, president of the New York Coalition For Open Government.

Studies have shown the risk of death to be 67% higher for UK variant patients, but the vaccine has proven effective against the strain.

Part of the reason the agencies refuse to release which town the patients with the emerging strains live in is that they may be everywhere.

Kelly-McGovern said, "We believe that the UK strain is circulating throughout Suffolk County."

## East End Police Cracking Down on Distracted Driving

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

**P**olice departments on the East End will be stepping up enforcement of traffic laws that prohibit texting while driving this week, authorities warn.

"We will be looking for those drivers who are engaging in behaviors that cause a hazard to other motorists and the roadways," the Southampton Town Police Department said in a statement. Riverhead Town Police issued a similar advisory.

Cops across New York State will be participating in the "U Text, U Pay" initiative in which police officers will prioritize drivers violating laws against using cell phones behind the wheel. The campaign runs April 8-12 to coincide with Distracted Driving Awareness Month.



TEXTING WHILE DRIVING CAN RESULT IN A FINE

Almost 80% of crashes and 65% of near crashes in a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study involved the driver looking away from the forward roadway just prior to the crash, the agency said.

# NEWS & VIEWS

## Westhampton Beach Explores Eminent Domain to Advance Sewer Project



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SEWERS ARE COMING TO WESTHAMPTON BEACH

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Village of Westhampton Beach may condemn portions of Main Street properties needed to advance long-sought construction of the community's \$17 million sewer system project.

The village board approved a measure authorizing the potential use of eminent domain proceedings to acquire easements from property owners that have been reluctant to sign agreements that would allow Westhampton Beach contractors to run sewer lines through the properties.

"There's three property owners that weren't able to voluntarily sign the easement agreement," Mayor Maria Moore told the board on March 4. "We may have to start a condemnation proceeding, but that remains to be seen. Just in case, we need to have a resolution in place."

The project was launched in 2017 with the goal of connecting the downtown commercial district and two condominiums to the system to reduce groundwater pollution from septic systems seeping in surrounding waterways. Wastewater will instead be pumped to Suffolk County Sewer District 24's treatment plant at Frances S. Gabreski Airport, which serves the airport, the Air National Guard base and companies in the Hampton Business District.

Of 13 easements needed to advance the project, nine property owners voluntarily signed agreements. One building is in foreclosure and the receiver appointed to handle the proceeding was expected to sign the agreement, Moore said. Another later signed the agreement, an attorney for the village said. The two holdouts are Patio Building Condominium Corporation and Rolling Pin Inc.

"Due to the layout of the area and the location of the ... properties, there are no other possible alternative locations for placement of underground sewer lines ... and manholes," the village resolution stated. No representatives of the holdouts spoke at a November public hearing on the issue.

The village hired the Riverhead-based law firm of Esseks, Hefter, Angel, Di Talio & Pasca LLP to handle the condemnation proceedings. Construction had been expected to start at the end of this year, but attorneys representing the village say the court proceedings are not expected to derail that goal.



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JERRY SEINFELD SPEAKS AT GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB OPEN AFTER LOOSENERED RESTRICTIONS

## NY's Performing Arts Venues Increase Capacity to 33%

BY EMILY DAVENPORT

New York's performing arts venue spaces are increasing the number of people who can attend events.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that starting April 2, performing arts and entertainment venues can be open at 33 percent capacity. With this increase, venues can host up to 100 people indoors or up to 200 people outdoors.

"New York's beloved arts and entertainment venues have been hard hit by the public health guidance we've implemented to slow the spread of COVID-19, and after a long and difficult period, I am glad to see them reopen their doors to New Yorkers," Cuomo said. "Attendees will need to follow strict guidance to keep themselves and others safe, but they'll now be able to watch world-class performances and take part in our state's thriving arts and culture scene once again."

"I encourage New Yorkers to get tested before attending events and to use Excelsior Pass to show venues that they've been vaccinated or tested before entering performance spaces," he added.

If all attendees present proof of completed vaccination or recent negative COVID-19 test results, capacity at the venue could increase up to

150 people indoors or up to 500 people outdoors. Social distancing, face coverings or masks, and other health protocols will be required by all attendees.

On February 20, the governor announced the start of NY PopsUp, which featured a series of pop-up performances that aimed to revitalize the spirits of New Yorkers with the energy of live performances and will jumpstart the state's live entertainment industry. Throughout the course of the festival, NY PopsUp will grow not only in scale, but also in the volume of performances.

On March 26, Cuomo announced the launch of the Excelsior Pass, a free app that stores negative Covid-19 tests and proof of vaccination that aims to help reopen businesses and event venues quicker in accordance with the New York State Department of Health guidelines.

Businesses and venues can opt in to using the pass and New Yorkers can choose to use the Excelsior Pass to verify their COVID-19 vaccination or negative test results as needed to gain entry to major stadiums and arenas, wedding receptions, or catered and other events above the social gathering limit. Several major venues, including Madison Square Garden in New York City, have already opted in to using the pass.

*This story first appeared on amNY.com.*

## DAN'S COLUMN

# Shrinking

## Wainscott Gets Smaller and Smaller as NY and Feds Approve Offshore Wind Project

BY DAN RATTINER

About 650 people live in the hamlet of Wainscott. Some of these people have passed around a petition. They want to incorporate and make the hamlet a village. The reason they want to do this is widely known and involves underground electric power-lines. But this reason is not important to this story.

This story is about how elusive Wainscott has proven to be. It is like a bluefish you just pulled out of the water. It squirms around this way and that, trying to get loose. It wants to get away. Hard to imagine that a hamlet could be compared to a fish.

The thing is, for a hamlet to become a village it has to follow certain procedures. Those wishing to make it so must fill out forms and submit them to the town within which it lies to get permission to have the hamleteers vote yay or nay. Accompanying it has to be a map showing the metes and bounds of the borders of that place. And that's where the squirming comes in.

In December 2020, the lawyers for Wainscott submitted the map and the attendant papers to the Town of East Hampton to get such permission. Part of the map, on the eastern side, was a good-sized chunk of the neighboring Village of Sagaponack.

Sagaponackers are mostly gentle and kind, but declaring a piece of that village a part of Wainscott was a declaration of war.

The lawyers had also gotten overenthusiastic with mapping out the eastern side of Wainscott. They decided to include the 60-acre Ron Perelman estate on Georgica Pond. Everybody knows that the estate is in East Hampton. The property has been in East



Hampton since 1648. Perelman certainly would not approve of the takeover. And he's got the bucks to prevent it. You can't just willy nilly say it's in Wainscott.

People who read history are familiar with Herr Hitler's demands in the 1930s to expand Germany's borders into the countries immediately surrounding it. He grasped Austria. He wanted pieces of Russia. None of that flew either, although it took seven years and a lot of big military battles.

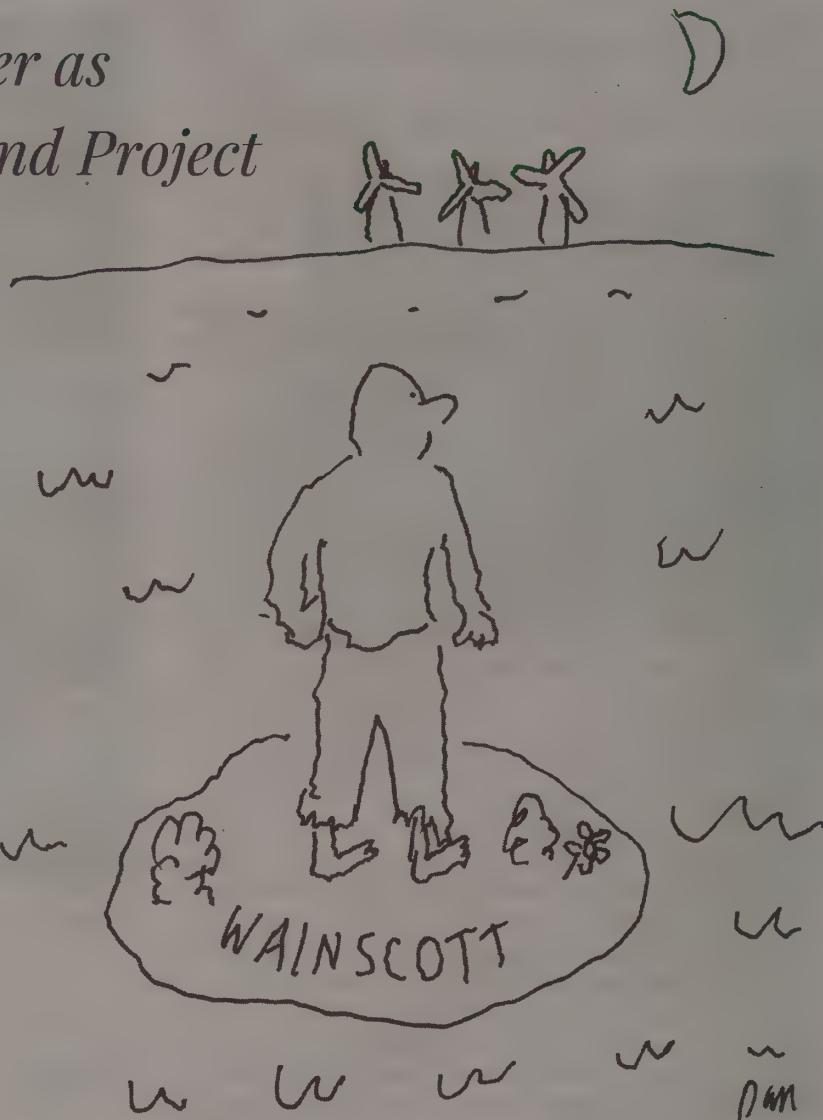
Obviously, East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scyoc would have to reject the Wainscott application. Instead, he sent it back to the petitioners with notes.

A few weeks later, a second application, revised somewhat, was humbly presented to the town by the lawyers for Wainscott. The lawyers had squeezed Wainscott down some. The new map showed them backing off seizing the land in Sagaponack. The deep woods to the north didn't go up quite as far. And they had set Ron Perelman's estate free.

But as a result of this, many Wainscoteers who were formerly living inside the expanded hamlet were tossed out in the cold, abandoned by the very hamlet they hoped to be part of. Sacre Bleu!

Some said there was a solution to this. A mass migration of these cast-out people could be organized. Carrying their belongings and furniture the few hundred yards, they could get back inside the newly revised village line. If the United States could handle those crossing the Rio Grande from Mexico, surely the people of Wainscott could shelter the arriving refugees now in a foreign land home. It would be the right thing to do.

Much to everyone's surprise, however, East Hampton Town Supervisor



Van Scyoc rejected this more modest request for permission to vote. Down went the Van Scyoc gavel. Thus, the second request for the now-shriveled-up and revised Village of Wainscott was tossed out the window.

Where does it go from here?

The lawyers for the incorporation effort were outraged at this decision. They described the rejection as manufactured and incomprehensible. One of them vowed they would file a third petition, a fourth petition and even a fifth petition, if necessary. Lawsuits were in the cards. Appeals to higher courts were in the cards.

"We will fight them," one lawyer said, or that's what I think he said; I

have the notes.

It paraphrased British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill's World War II speech: "We will fight them on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air; we shall defend Wainscott, whatever the cost may be; we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.

And in the end, even if all of Wainscott slips away to just 1 square foot of land upon which only a single lawyer and perhaps his assistant could stand, they shall prevail.

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# Pot Prohibition Ends

*East End Towns, Villages to Decide on Legal Weed Sales Opt Out*



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NEW YORKERS WILL NO LONGER BE PUNISHED FOR RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

**F**ollowing the recent historic passage of a New York State law legalizing the use of recreational marijuana, East End localities are considering whether to ban the sale of pot within their borders.

Of the five towns and 10 villages in the Hamptons and on the North Fork, some wasted no time publicly coming out for or against allowing dispensaries to sell weed to adults older than 21. Other local government leaders were noncommittal, saying they needed more time to research the issue. And with a state-imposed deadline of December 31 for local governments to decide, there is sure to be plenty of debate over the next nine months — especially if voters get a chance to cast ballots deciding the issue in local referenda.

“While the decision rests with local towns and villages, I would support giving residents a chance to decide the question by referendum,” says State Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor), who represents the South Fork and voted against the law based on health and public safety concerns. “A permissive referendum on a local law to opt out can be put on the ballot by the town or village board on its own motion, or the public can petition for a referendum if the board does not put it on the ballot ... I think if a town or village is going to opt out, they should put it on the ballot and not make residents petition for it.”

New York became the 15th state in the nation to legalize recreational marijuana the law was enacted on March 31. Regardless of which local governments ban pot sales, it will remain legal for individuals to possess

up to three ounces of weed and grow marijuana plants. The state, which anticipates \$350 million in annual tax revenue from weed sales, will set up a licensing and regulation process, automatically expunge pot convictions, and expand access to medical marijuana.

State Sen. Anthony Palumbo (R-New Suffolk), who represents the entire East End, also voted against legalizing marijuana.

“This bill will have an adverse impact on the health of our communities, diminish our quality of life here on the East End of Long Island and will make our roads and highways more dangerous,” Palumbo said in a statement. “I am very concerned that people driving under the influence of marijuana could seriously injure or kill innocent drivers and escape penalties if we don’t have enough trained drug recognition

experts on our local police forces. Yet unsurprisingly, there was no funding provided in this legislation for these officers or additional training.”

Babylon Town Supervisor Richard Schaffer, who chairs the Suffolk County Town Supervisor Association and Suffolk Democratic Committee, is calling for all 13 town governments on LI to opt out of allowing marijuana sales. His counterpart, Nassau County Democratic Committee Chairman Jay Jacobs, who also leads the state chapter of the party, says local officials should allow sales.

*Dan's Papers* polled all 15 East End municipalities to see where they stand on the issue. The one Hamptons official who was most open to the idea of allowing sales was Sag Harbor Mayor Kathleen Mulcahy.

“I don’t think we would opt out, but I don’t know,” says Mulcahy, noting

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that she still has to talk to her village board, police chief, and debate the idea at Sag Harbor's next meeting on April 13. "The East End of Long Island is maybe a little bit more pro-cannabis than the rest of Suffolk County ... I do know that some of us feel that as tourist towns, we can't say 'no' because there are people who will come because of it or choose to go to Martha's Vineyard."

One up-island village has opined it may keep weed stores off Main Street and only allow them on side streets, "which I don't think is a bad idea," the mayor adds.

Several local officials were more willing to go on record as leaning toward banning sales.

"I have to take a very hard look," says Riverhead Town Supervisor Yvette Aguiar. "We don't want our adolescents to have immediate access to personal and growth of marijuana. I have reservations since, often marijuana is the gateway to drug usage for adolescents."

Aguiar adds that she agrees with Southold Town Supervisor Scott Rus-

sell, who does not support marijuana farms as being classified as agricultural use locations. Russell did not respond to requests for comment.

"Our sandy soil is not conducive to marijuana growth," Aguiar says. "Therefore, we may conceivably see very large brick cinder block buildings threaten our bucolic views along Riverhead and the North Fork."

West Hampton Dunes Mayor Gary Vegliante echoes the opposition.

"We are not inclined to allow legalized marijuana sales," says Vegliante, noting that in his case, it's partly because there's no retail establishments in the village, which is mostly residential.

Most town supervisors and village mayors reached by *Dan's Papers* refused to take a stance either way.

"It's too soon to decide," says Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. "The board will discuss the matter over the next few weeks to decide if they want to stay in, opt out, or put the opt-out question on the ballot for the public to decide."

East Hampton Town Supervisor Pe-

ter Van Scyoc told the April 6 town board work session that he agrees with decriminalization of marijuana possession, but had yet to discuss with the board whether they would enact a ban. He notes that if they enact a ban, it could later be reversed.

"There's no real urgency that we have to act right away," he said. "As far as business opportunities and source of revenue think that is something I have a lot of questions about still ... I'm going to take a slow approach."

Shelter Island Town Supervisor Jim Dougherty says through an aide that he has yet to discuss the issue with his board, either.

East Hampton Village Mayor Jerry Larsen says his board will discuss the issue at its next board meeting in May. Westhampton Beach Mayor Maria Moore says her board will debate it at its next work session in April. North Haven Mayor Jeff Sander says the issue is unlikely to affect his village "since we have no retail stores and are not zoned for any."

Southampton Village Mayor Jesse

Warren is doing his due diligence.

"We do not have any plans yet," he says. "We would like community input as this is a community decision. We also plan on speaking with the other mayors and supervisors on the East End as well as ... Thiele."

The village mayors of Greenport, Dering Harbor, Quogue, and Sagaponack did not respond to requests for comment.

Pro-pot advocates maintain that local officials should be careful in how they deliberate.

"Lawmakers ... should not approach this decision from the standpoint of whether or not to allow cannabis into their communities," says Paul Armentano, deputy director of National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), an organization that has long lobbied for legalization. "Cannabis is already in their communities. The question is, do you want these transactions to be open, transparent and regulated by state and local governments, or do you want them to be kept in the shadows and dominated by criminal entrepreneurs?"

## OPINION

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# Don't Ground Opportunities at East Hampton Airport

THE FUTURE OF EAST HAMPTON AIRPORT IS BEING DEBATED THIS YEAR BY TOWN OFFICIALS.



BY CHARLES CANAVAN

The East Hampton Airport is an instrumental asset to our East End community for countless reasons. In my life, the East Hampton Airport represents opportunity.

The East Hampton Airport began impacting my life at the age of 4. As a child I would spend time airplane spotting wherever I was, and admiring the aircraft with my father, uncle and grandfather, who are all pilots. My love of aviation was innate and began at a very young age for me as I have always known that this would be the career path I would take.

Fast forward 18 years later, I was presented the opportunity to work at this wonderful airport as a certified flight instructor. As an instructor, I have witnessed first-hand how this airport and the aviation industry in general positively impacts the lives of so many people. My students almost always develop an obsession with aviation from their very first flight lesson, and it is an incredibly beautiful breakthrough to witness happen.

During my three years as an East

Hampton Airport employee, I have seen people develop life-long passions of aviation both as a career choice, and as a crucial part of their life. Aside from people launching their aviation careers at this airport, I have seen pilots rekindle their relationship with their long-distance family because having their pilot's license made the world a much smaller place. Not only does this airport produce pilots, but because of the copious amounts of money and networking opportunities flowing into here I have seen people launch careers in non-pilot opportunities as well.

The livelihoods of so many people on the East End of Long Island rely on the money and people utilizing this airport. Should this airport cease to exist in the future, the fact of the matter is that there will be a crippling effect to our East End economy, and the careers/lives of so many people. The Hamptons would no longer be the Hamptons.

The East Hampton Airport also presents the opportunity to seek medical attention when it is so crucially needed. Our East End community is

in a sense, isolated from western Long Island, New York City and the rest of the northeastern United States, where many medical specialists reside. It is not uncommon to see medical evacuation aircraft come and go to assist people in getting potentially life saving treatment quickly. As an intern pilot in the past, I myself have even flown cancer patients to the city for treatment, and people in need of a heart specialist to Boston. These private medical flights were even paid for by some of the kind people of the Easthampton airport such as the late Krupinski couple. The swift and convenient transportation would not be possible out of our east end community without the opportunity presented by this airport, and can be the difference between life and death.

Yet another opportunity that the East Hampton Airport has presented both myself and my East End community is the opportunity to rescue the lives of homeless dogs and cats. This past December I managed to rescue and fly 15 puppies from one of the many kill shelters in South Carolina to the safety of our East End community

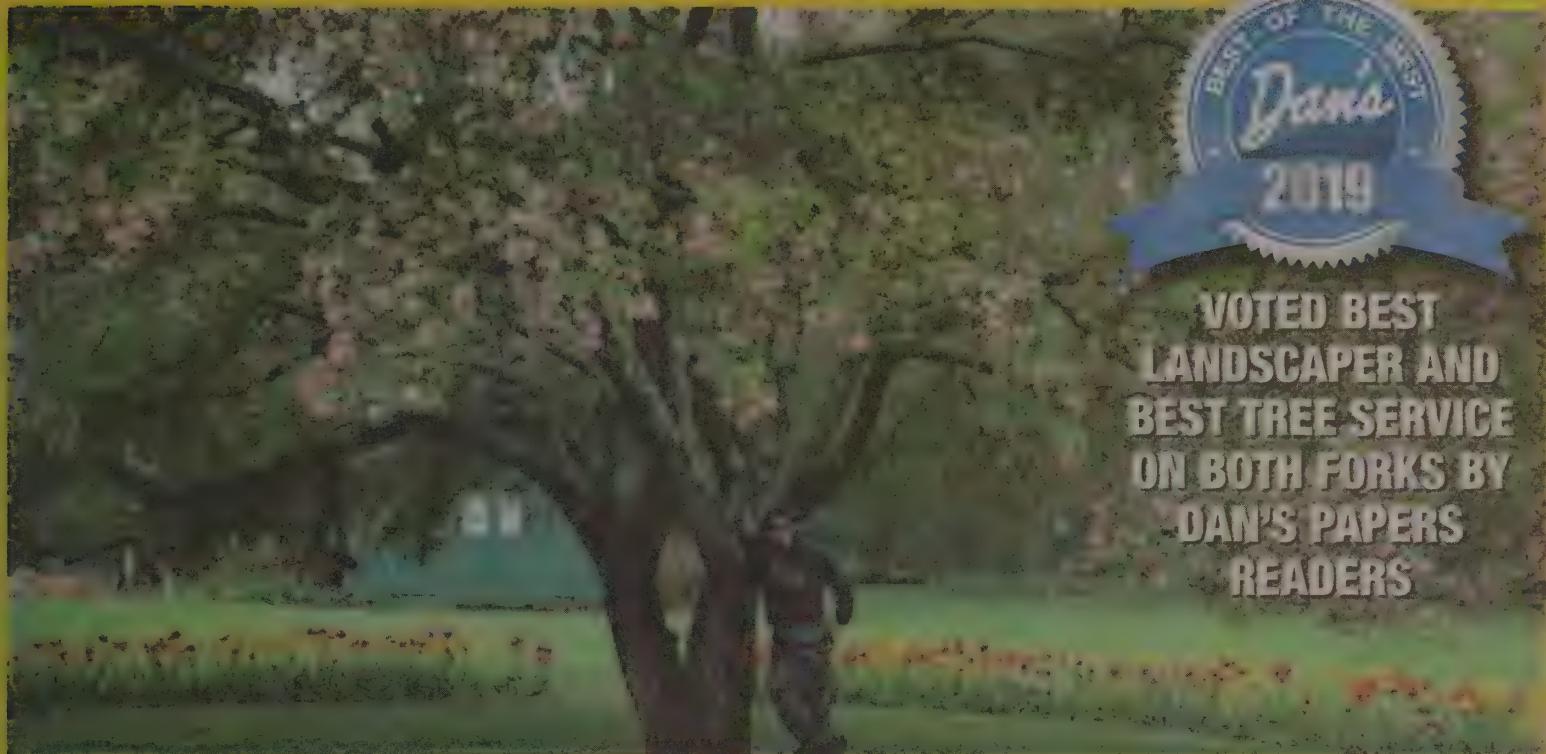
and the absolutely incredible people of the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons (ARF), just right across the street from the East Hampton Airport. I was utterly overwhelmed by the selflessness, support and care shown to this mission by the East End community, the East Hampton Aviation Association, Sound Aircraft Services and so many other kind people of the East Hampton Airport. This mission, as well as the missions I am organizing for the very near future simply cannot happen without the opportunity and support of this airport.

There is an endless list of reasons and examples to prove just how vital this airport is to our community. These are but a few of the many opportunities brought to our community because of this airport, and not just for pilots. Take it from someone who works, teaches and volunteers at this airport almost every day about how important it is. I have read the arguments made by people opposed to this airport, and I invite them to speak to me face to face so I can explain to them how the endless opportunities of the East Hampton Airport outweigh all of their points.

BARBARA LASSEN

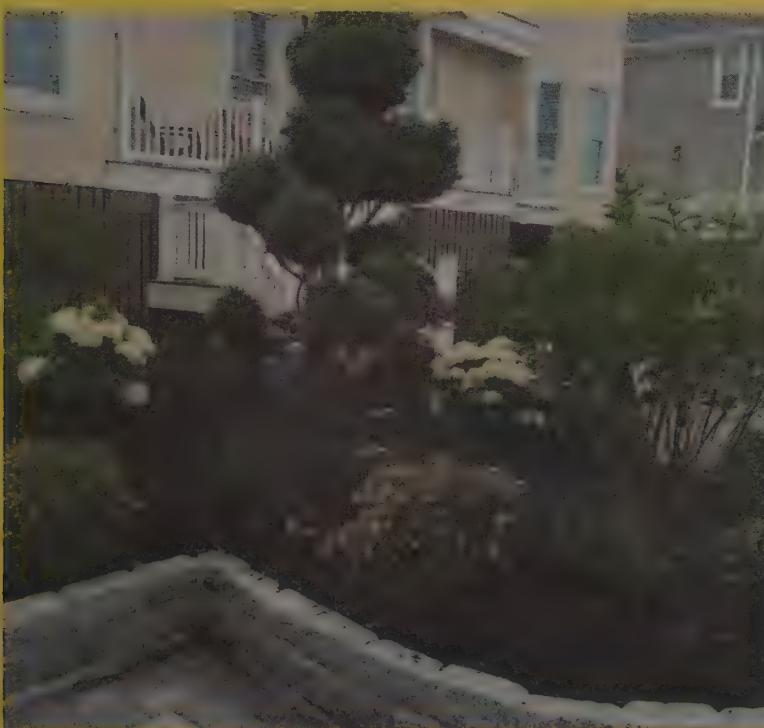
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# REAL ESTATE

## Southampton Estate Asking \$145 Million Now In Contract, Setting New Hamptons Record



THE 42-ACRE PROPERTY AT 90 JULE POND DRIVE IS IN CONTRACT.

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

**J**ule Pond, an estate in Southampton set on 42 acres with waterfront on three sides and unobstructed views of the Atlantic Ocean and Mecox Bay, has landed a buyer. The last ask: A staggering \$145 million.

Bespoke Real Estate, which says it represented both the buyer and seller, announced the deal on Thursday, touting it as “the highest price achieved for a single property in the Hamptons’ history.” Ellen Stern at Julia B. Fee Sotheby’s International Realty in Rye was the co-listing agent on the property.

The Jule Pond transaction, once it closes, would be the highest paid price for a single property. In 2014, hedge fund manager Barry Rosenstein paid \$137 million for contiguous properties on East Hampton’s Further Lane, though it was widely reported he paid \$147 million.

No word yet on who the Jule Pond buyer is. The seller is Brenda Earl, a former partner at the

equity fund Zweig-Dimenna. *The New York Post* reported that she paid approximately \$22 million for it in 2002. The property first went on the market for \$175 million in 2017.

Jule Pond is set back from the ocean, but is considered to have the largest ocean frontage on the South Fork with 1,286 linear feet on the Atlantic.

The home at 90 Jule Pond Drive was originally built in 1957 by Henry Ford II, then the president of the Ford Motor Company, and his first wife first wife, Anne McDonnell. Their then 235-acre estate known as Fordune.

The 20,000-square-foot stucco home was renovated in 2008 and offers 12 bedrooms and 12 bathrooms.

Just as the first quarter of 2021 draws to a close, Bespoke has already set records. In addition to the Jule Pond transaction, Bespoke also put Wainscott’s

Burnt Point in contract. The 25,000-square-foot mansion, which belongs to billionaire former pharmaceuticals entrepreneur Stewart Rahr, was most recently listed at \$56 million. When the deal closes, Bespoke says it will achieve the highest price for non-ocean waterfront.

“These transactions, coupled with the momentum we have seen across all luxury markets, signify what we expect to be the new wave of luxury purchases,” Bespoke posted on social media.

Still available on the ultra high-end real estate market is Mylestone at Meadow Lane, an eight-acre estate with views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Shinnecock Bay from the 15,000-square-foot modern Tudor-style house, that Bespoke listed earlier this year for \$175 million.

Bespoke also is trying to sell embattled education entrepreneur Chris Whittle’s estate at 90 and 100 Briar Patch Road in East Hampton, listed at \$95 million.

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## BEHIND THE HEDGES REAL ESTATE



# Late Fashion Designer's Southampton Home, Listed for \$37 Million, Now In Contract

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

The Southampton home, once owned by the late award-winning fashion designer and Broadway performer Luba Marks and listed for \$37 million, has found a buyer, in what is one of the biggest deals in Southampton so far in 2021.

The oceanfront home at 1210 Meadow Lane, listed with Michaela Keszler and Madeline Hult Elghanayan of Douglas Elliman, is now in contract.

"It's a true rarity for a special waterfront opportunity like this one to become available, and it's a very lucky buyer to call this beautiful triple-A location home," Keszler said in response to an email about the property going into contract.

The 3.32-acre property has over 200 feet of beach frontage with "unbeatable views" of the ocean and bay and "breathtaking sunrises and sunsets," according to the listing.

The two-story, three-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bath home was built in 1972, and the listing notes that there is room for an addition or substantial new home. There is also a pool facing the ocean, terraces and decks.

A long walkway goes down to the sandy beach.

Marks, whose Broadway career included starring in *The Merry Widow* and *Annie, Get Your Gun*, designed the home, after many years renting in Southampton. She told *The New York Times* in 1978 that she first came to the East End when she visited the United States as a member of Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

"We were entertained at an estate in the Hamptons," she told *The Times*. "When we visited the dunes, I fell in love with the water. I had nothing to compare with it in Paris, where I grew up."

Her desire was to build "a house where things function without sacrificing beauty or fun, where you would feel comfortable in blue jeans or a sequin dress," she said.

Marks, who also used her married name Begazy from her second husband, was also one half of the

clothing company, Elite Juniors, which she founded with her first husband Richard Marks. She was known for her design that was a reinterpretation of the classic Chanel suit. In fact, early on she embraced and designed women's pantsuits.

She died in Southampton on July 5, 2020; at the age of 98, according to her obituary, in *The Southampton Press*.

Her estate put the home on the market in November 2020.



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## BEHIND THE HEDGES REAL ESTATE

# Palm Beach Meets the Hamptons at This Nearly \$8 Million Remsenburg Property

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

This palatial Remsenburg estate may leave you thinking you are in Palm Beach, rather than eastern Long Island. The 8,250-square-foot home overlooking Moriches Bay remains available for \$7.995 million.

With 2.7 private waterside acres, this Mediterranean-inspired villa has everything you could want in a summer home—plus, it is closer to Manhattan and without the headache that comes with Hamptons traffic further east. “I’ve done the math. At \$7.995 million, you simply could not replicate this property at this price,” says Aimee Martin of Saunders & Associates.

“If you picked it up and moved it to another location east of the Shinnecock Canal, you’d be looking at a price tag of at least \$20 million. It truly feels like you’re at a luxury waterside resort when you’re outside at night with the pool lit up and the outdoor music is playing. It offers spectacular views across Moriches Bay to Dune Road, bulkheading, a dock, small private beach, a separate carriage house and seven garage bays, so car enthusiasts will love it. And the sunsets? Well, they’re priceless.”

A long driveway leads to the home, built in 2003, with solid steel beam construction, a stucco exterior and red clay tile roof. There are approximately 15,000 square feet of Cambridge stone at the front entrance, pool area and balconies. Heavy, custom mahogany front doors open to the two-level great room, which has 12-foot high, coffered ceilings, columns, an oversized wood-burning fireplace and wet bar. The floors are concrete overlaid with Turk-

ish tumbled marble floors.

Step up slightly into the media room and dining room which has a great view of the pool and bay just beyond the three sets of French doors. Step outside and you are on a stone deck with stairs and stone railings down to the pool.

Just beyond the dining room is the gourmet kitchen, which offers a 5-by-10-foot island, granite countertops, three sinks, two ovens and a wine cooler. The appliances are all from Sub-Zero, Viking and Bosch.

Four of the five bedrooms are located on the first floor, all with ensuite bathrooms. Currently, one of the guest rooms is being used as a gym.

A large sauna, a laundry room, two powder rooms and mechanical rooms complete the first floor.

A custom, sweeping, circular staircase with brass handrails and stone steps leads upstairs, where a luxurious master suite takes up the entire second floor. The suite boasts a gas fireplace, window seats and a separate master study. Custom walk-in closets and a dressing room are located next to the master bathroom, which features a steam shower, Jacuzzi tub, dual custom vanities, and a water closet with bidet.

The 1,727-square-foot suite also has a 2,000-square-foot private covered terrace overlooking the pool area, and it runs 35 feet, the entire length of the master suite. Martin says it also offers room for expansion, if needed.

The 25-by-45-foot heated, gunite pool is surrounded by a stone patio and is flanked by two open-air pool cabanas (massages by the pool anyone?) and a 200-square-foot pool house that has a bathroom and changing area. All

three structures have a stucco exterior and roof to match the home.

A rolling lawn leads down to a private sandy beach and the dock area with a 170 feet of new bulkheaded water frontage. The floating dock, which has both water and electric, can accommodate multiple watercraft.

There is also 2,000 square feet of storage under the deck.

Perfect for any car enthusiast, this estate offers seven garage spaces, including a three-car garage in the main house with a separate service bay. The

3,000-square-foot carriage house also features four-car garage on the first floor.

The second floor of the carriage house offers a two-bedroom, one bath guest suite with a kitchen and a laundry room.

The home also features remote operations of heat, air, lighting, gates and the front door. Other amenities include an irrigation system, a 200-gallon propane tank for the pool heater and fireplace, and a 125-gallon propane tank for the kitchen stove and 200-gallon water heaters.



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

*Curtains Up:*

## Bay Street Reveals Plans for New Facility



RENDERING OF BAY STREET THEATER'S PLANNED NEW FACILITY

BY LEE MEYER

Following the October announcement that Sag Harbor's Bay Street Theater had purchased 22 Long Island Avenue for \$13.9 million with the intention of building a newer, larger, permanent home, the nonprofit performing arts organization has released the first renderings and details of its planned expansion.

"Bay Street Theater lies at the heart of Sag Harbor's Main Street and waterfront," said Tracy Mitchell in a video press conference on April 2. "After 30 years, Bay Street continues to serve not only as the primary year-round revenue generator for this idyllic waterfront community, but it also serves over 30 other nonprofits and hundreds of artists each year."

"But with time and success comes growth," added Artistic Director Scott Schwartz. "Bay Street Theater has long outgrown our current location." Schwartz said that in the new facility, the popular New Works initiative, which showcases in-development

projects by playwrights, will become a year-round program. "There's so much we will be able to achieve in this new space," said Schwartz.

Schwartz added that the new facility will have a 299-seat theater, as well as dedicated space for the organization's year-round educational programs for children and adults, a center for new work development, a shop and scenery storage, special events, and professional development initiatives. Mitchell explained that the theater will be "state of the art," with current theatrical technology. While Bay Street is able to do a lot with their current space, the new facility will be purpose-built, allowing much more flexibility and technical wizardry for their productions.

Bay Street Theater has emphasized that their focus is on being a resource for the community. The property at 22 Long Island Avenue runs parallel with John Steinbeck Waterfront Park. Adam Potter, founder of Friends of Bay Street, the group that purchased the new property, said that they were



also in talks to purchase 2 Main Street, which will allow them to fully realize their vision with architectural firm Roger Ferris + Partners. "If we are successful in this acquisition, our intention is to remove the building, expand the park and create unbelievable views down Main Street." The theater will not use the 2 Main Street land, but benefit Sag Harbor and allow the new John Steinbeck Waterfront Park to be expanded.

"We are very excited to be part of this collective endeavor to design a new home for this legendary theater and to situate it on a site that will be transformative for the village of Sag Harbor," said architect Roger Ferris in a press release.

The theater is currently targeting a 2023 completion date for this massive undertaking. In the meantime, Bay Street Theater will continue to operate on the Long Wharf.



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chimney. If it enters the room, troubleshoot and correct the problem first before loading up lots of wood.

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For example, white stains in the bricks of the chimney can be a sign of too much moisture due to leakage.

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*This Week's Cover Artist:*

# Dick Stone

BY LEE MEYER

**D**ick Stone is a well of stories. With a long history in advertising and fine art, there is a lifetime of interesting tales from this talented artist. This week's cover was originally the cover of a famous issue of *Jock Magazine*, and the story behind its creation is just as fascinating as its creator.

**What is the story behind this famous cover from *Jock Magazine*?**

I got a call from Helmut Krone, the iconic art director. He said, "I need a photo for a cover of *Jock Magazine*. A recreation of marines raising the U.S. flag on Okinawa—but instead of the marines, it would be the New York Mets raising a flag that read 'New York Mets, 1969 Champions.'" Great idea! So we got a panel truck of photo equipment, two assistants and a great deal of excitement and raced off to Shea Stadium. At Shea, we were met by a front office guy with his hand up saying, 'You can't come in!' 'Why not?' I asked. The players, being superstitious, said they wouldn't do it, that they hadn't won yet.

So back to the NYC studio with Mets uniforms but not Mets! What now? So out into the neighborhood we went, scoring up as much construction site dirt we could steal, hauled it to the studio, built a pitcher's mound, hired some models who looked like players, dirtied them up and shot the cover!

*"In my commercial work I was known for my lighting techniques."*

**How did your "commercial" work inform your fine art projects and vice versa?**

In my commercial work I was known for my lighting techniques. Film needs light in order to expose the image. You need a lot of it, and you need to know how to push it. My fine art projects and my art schooling are all based on use of light and use of color.

**This is an iconic cover. Talk about its legacy and how it changed your career and life.**

Frankly, it didn't really affect my career. At the time, I was a busy photographer and continued to be. Helmut Krone and I worked together a lot in those days. I was definitely busy. I'm happy to say *Jock* gave me a few more covers to shoot. The advertising business was really gaining steam with creativity and I was just lucky to be able to be one part of this great time in commercial advertising.

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[johnjermain.org](http://johnjermain.org)

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*161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, [stephentalkhouse.com](http://stephentalkhouse.com)*

**WOLFWALKERS SCREENING****APRIL 10 & APRIL 11, 1 P.M.**

Screening this weekend only is Tomm Moore's acclaimed animated *Wolfwalkers*, in which a young apprentice wolf trapper in the town of Kilkenny forms a strange bond with the creatures she is dedicated to exterminating through the friendship of a fiery red-headed girl. Tickets to this in-person screening are available online only.  
*90 Main Street, Sag Harbor. [sagharborcinema.org](http://sagharborcinema.org)*

**THE JAMES TAYLOR EXPERIENCE FILMED CONCERT**

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East End libraries and Copperline bring you an intimate performance reminiscent of James Taylor's shows at the Troubadour and Beacon Theater with Carole King. In addition to his timeless songs, hear stories about his life and insights behind his lyrics.  
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**FRIDAYS @ 5 VIRTUAL SIP & SING****FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 5 P.M.**

Bay Street Theater is bringing the fun and interactive sing-along series, Sip & Sing, to a computer near you. This series features weekly performances from some of the most talented performers who have graced Bay Street's stage over the past 30 years. This week, join Nick Cearley, Broadway performer and co-creator of The Skivvies, for some virtual fun with friends. Registration is free but required.  
[baystreet.org](http://baystreet.org)

**BLACK ART: IN THE ABSENCE OF LIGHT****FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 6 & 8:15 P.M.**

Hamptons Doc Fest presents HBO's newly released film *Black Art: In the Absence of Light*, inspired by the late David Driskell's landmark 1976 exhibition Two Centuries of Black American Art. The documentary offers an illuminating introduction to the work of some of the foremost Black visual artists working today. Tickets to this in-person screening are available online only.  
*279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. [hamptonsoffest.com](http://hamptonsoffest.com)*

**LONG ISLAND MIGRANT LABOR CAMPS LECTURE****FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 7 P.M.**

Presented by labor attorney and novelist Mark Torres, this virtual presentation follows the March publication of his new book, *Long Island Migrant Labor Camps: Dust for Blood*, which

tells the never-before-told true story about the migrant labor camps in Suffolk County—from their inception during World War II through their heyday in the 1960s. Registration is free but required.  
[shelterislandpubliclibrary.org](http://shelterislandpubliclibrary.org)

**BACH ARIAS & FRANCOEUR****FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 7:30 P.M.**

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[twinforksmusicivic.org](http://twinforksmusicivic.org)

**SPRING BEE INTENSIVE****SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 9:30 A.M.**

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*quoguelibrary.org*

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*lgbtnetwork.org*

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In Morocco's official submission to the Academy Awards, Adam, Abla runs a modest local bakery from her home in Casablanca where she lives alone with her 8-year-old daughter Warda. Their routine life is shaken up by Samia, a pregnant young woman looking for a job and a roof over her head. Rental tickets are \$12.

*whbpac.org*

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*79 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. 631-604-5770, info@halseymckay.com, halseymckay.com*

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*42 Jobs Lane, Southampton. southamptonartscenter.org*

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"WOLFWALKERS," SCREENING AT SAG HARBOR CINEMA; DAVID KENNEDY CUTLER'S "WITH AND WITHOUT" AT HALSEY MCKAY GALLERY

# FOOD & DRINK

## Kissaki's Chef Mark Garcia Makes Waves with Sushi

BY ALAN KRAWITZ

**M**ark Garcia was considered an outsider when he moved from his native Chicago to New York in 2016 to open his own restaurant.

But now, Garcia is the driving force helping to steer the cuisine and growth of upscale *omakase* sushi restaurant Kissaki, which opened in the Hamptons in June and is set to open its sixth location in Manhasset this summer.

Omakase sushi is a concept that requires diners to entrust the ingredients and presentation of their meal fully to the sushi chef; it has been compared to an artist creating a masterpiece.

Garcia's start in the restaurant world was humble enough.

"I was in high school in Chicago, and I enrolled in a culinary arts program in my sophomore year," he recalls, adding that he got his first job through the program.

A veritable tour of Chicago's restaurant and hotel kitchen scene followed, with stints at Sushi Samba Rio,

*"I was in high school in Chicago, and I enrolled in a culinary arts program in my sophomore year."*

Kaze Sushi, the Waldorf Astoria and Momotaro.

Garcia first learned Italian cuisine early in his career and then began his ascent into the world of sushi under the 10-year tutelage of esteemed master sushi chef Kaze Chan of Sushi San in Chicago, who is credited with opening an array of influential sushi venues in Chicago over the past 25 years.

"I learned sushi from one of the masters," says Garcia.

Following a successful run at Momotaro, Garcia moved to New York, and in 2016, he and partner Jay Zheng opened Gaijin in Astoria. The name "Gaijin" literally means outsider in Japanese.

The venue's name was fitting for Garcia not only due to his Mexican roots but also because of doubts about his success compared to other master sushi chefs.

But those doubts quickly fell by the wayside as Garcia developed a strong following for his innovations.

In 2019, Garcia met Garry Kanfer, his current partner and Kissaki owner.

"I was very enthusiastic to meet Garry because he wanted to build a brand and not just open a business," Garcia recalls.

Initially, Kanfer sought to make Kissaki a high-end establishment in the price range of \$400, but Garcia said it was "too high for the average diner."

"I wanted a more accessible price range," Garcia says, noting that at the time in New York, there were two very different dynamics.

"There was a \$50 quick and easy sushi and then there were the \$400-plus levels," Garcia says, explaining that the latter felt a bit "stuffy, almost like a church." The two settled on something "in the middle" for Kissaki, with prices more in the \$150 range.

But with the first Kissaki location opening in January 2020, Garcia says the pandemic turned things on their head.



MARK GARCIA'S KISSAKI RESTAURANTS SPECIALIZE IN HIGH-END OMAKASE SUSHI.

He recalls that, at first, his spirits were somewhat crushed between lockdowns and limited crowd capacities, especially since things had been going so well when they first opened.

Like many other restaurants, Kissaki, which now has three locations in New York City, one in Connecticut and one in Water Mill, has had to pivot during the pandemic, which meant offering takeout *omakase* boxes in small, medium and large.

Popular takeout boxes include *nigiri* featuring tuna, salmon, mackerel and even red snapper.

Garcia says that Kissaki is also using innovative robots at all locations to help expedite the labor-intensive process of making sushi and especially takeout boxes. "The robots have been a great tool for us to use to get ahead," he adds. The tools are commonly used in Japan but rarely by city restaurants.

Specialties Garcia prepares include seasonal fish such as tuna and salmon

with banana peppers and chives.

"Our fish is sourced directly from Japanese suppliers," Garcia says, adding that Kissaki has relationships with farmers and harvesters.

The menu also features creative cocktails such as a kissaki kick or green lantern as well as signature desserts like dulce de leche or matcha red bean chiffon cake.

Asked about business now, Garcia says it continues to be very "up and down." He adds, "We've struggled as all restaurants have."

And, even though Garcia says things are improving daily at Kissaki, he still believes it is a difficult business.

"Restaurants are tough to work in...I'm surprised people even still want to open them," he says. "The numbers are tough and profit margins are thin. Now with the pandemic, things are even worse."

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# Chef Michael Rozzi, Incoming Bagels & More

BY HARRY POWERS

## CHEF HIGHLIGHT: MICHAEL ROZZI, THE 1770 HOUSE EXECUTIVE CHEF

**M**ichael Rozzi joined The 1770 House Restaurant & Inn as executive chef in 2013. The veteran Hamptons chef creates New American cuisine, or what he calls "Hamptons cuisine," at the iconic Main Street landmark in East Hampton. The dual-dining concept features a sophisticated fine dining menu in the candlelit dining room and star-lit seasonal garden patio; and pub-style fare in the intimate downstairs tavern.

Rozzi's cooking philosophy is that distinguished cuisine begins with appreciation and balance of the freshest local ingredients, blending exceptional flavors and finishing with flawless presentation.

The third-generation East Ender connected early on with land and sea. As a boy, local customs at the root of slow food practice were the norm. Rozzi shucked oysters on Shinnecock Bay, watched wildlife in the fields of Bridgehampton and visited the Halsey family's Milk Pail Country Store in Water Mill for bags of local apples and jars of cider. His own grandfather lived and worked on an East Hampton farm where many recall the first pony rides

in the Hamptons. Raised in a family of great cooks, Rozzi was imbued with the tradition of using honest ingredients. He dreamed of becoming an accomplished chef who would define "Hamptons cuisine." Today, Rozzi is raising his own family living in Hampton Bays with his wife, pastry chef Holly Dove-Rozzi, their daughter Vivian and son Nathan.

Since boyhood, Rozzi has never held a job outside the kitchen. He likes being hands-on in the kitchen and letting his food speak for itself in the dining room. The culinary arts graduate from Johnson & Wales University refers to himself as a professional chef. He prides himself on a deep understanding of the science and technology behind culinary technique and is an avid collector of cookbooks numbering into the hundreds. His leadership skills range from cooking nightly with team members he has worked with over many years to sharing knowledge with visiting culinary students for weeks at a time.

After college, he worked at top restaurants in the Hamptons. Most notably, he was executive chef at Della Femina where he worked for 15 years. In 2011, when that venerable establishment closed, he put his hand to private chef stints followed by a year on the corporate side for The



Palm Restaurant at the Hunting Inn.

In 2013, Rozzi joined The 1770 House because he wanted "to cook Hamptons cuisine in the best place on Main Street for local people wanting the best food in the Hamptons."

Today, Rozzi is doing just that. Under his direction, *Open Table* named The 1770 House one of the 100 Best Restaurants in America; and the only one of 19 New York establishments outside of Manhattan. *Zagat* rated it the leader in East Hampton and a Top-5 in the Hamptons. *Newsday* ranked it on as a Top-10 on Long Island for Fine Dining as well as New American cuisine.

Discover his culinary creations at 143 Main Street, East Hampton and at [1770house.com](http://1770house.com).

## SINK YOUR TEETH INTO THIS WEEK'S EAST END FOODIE NEWS BITES!

Congrats, once again, to Paumanok Vineyards in Aquebogue for winning Winery of the Year in the 2021 New York Wine Classic, a competition involving 96 wineries from across the state. [paumanok.com](http://paumanok.com)

And let's offer one final round of applause to Pindar Vineyards in Peconic, which won the Governor's Cup—the best of show award for its 2019 Dr. Dan's Signature Collection Gewürztraminer, as well as a platinum medal for best white wine! [pindar.net](http://pindar.net)

Almond Restaurant in Bridge-

hampton—one of *Newsday's* Top 100 restaurants on Long Island—celebrates 20 years on Monday, April 12. Congratulations to co-owners Chef Jason Weiner and Eric Lemonides! [almondrestaurant.com](http://almondrestaurant.com)

Speaking of longevity, The Clam Bar out on the Napeague Stretch on your way to Montauk celebrates its 40th year in 2021—that's a lot of lobster rolls, folks! [clambarhamptons.com](http://clambarhamptons.com)

In food truck news, The Plaza Café in Southampton, will open their food truck up at their outside dining area at the beginning of May, offering lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday! [plazacafesouthampton.com](http://plazacafesouthampton.com)

**We Hear That:** The popular @PupUpBagels will be coming to the Hamptons later this spring; they're a very hot commodity in Connecticut right now. [popupbagels.com](http://popupbagels.com)

**Fun Food Facts:** Bananas—along with cucumbers and kiwis—are classed as berries, whereas strawberries, blackberries and raspberries are not.

**Quote of the Week:** "Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays." —comedian Henry Youngman

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*Meet New Gurney's Executive*

# Chef Robert Hamburg



BY LEE MEYER

**G**urney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa has welcomed new Executive Chef Robert Hamburg to lead their impressive lineup of restaurant and culinary offerings. The resort, which includes restaurants like Scarpetta and The Beach Club, offer several eclectic and enticing menus for guests to enjoy, and Hamburg, a lifelong New Yorker and chef with more than 30 years of experience, is here to make it even better. Hamburg talks about his experience, his East End favorites and more.

**You've worked a lot in the city. What are some of the differences you've found working in Montauk?**

There's definitely a different energy. Look, good cooks are good cooks. I don't care where they are. People who are passionate about this business, people who want to be good at what they do are good anywhere. This place—when it's busy, it's crazy just like the city. Obviously, Montauk's very seasonal, whereas, in the city, it's kind of seasonal as well. Come to summer, it slows down.

**Gurney's has a number of different restaurants and different offerings. Talk about how you juggle all that.**

I stay on top of it. I've done a lot of different style foods, which is obviously a big help. It's just managing. Once you find your groove in the kitchen, that movement, that daily mood, and your mental inventory, your eyes are just clicking, clicking, clicking and taking information in all the time, and then in a very short time, you already have a mental inventory about it, where people are supposed to be, where product is, what's going on, who is moving.

Once you set it up to be somewhat of a clock where you know almost what time of day and what product is going to go where, who's going to be where, it's just a matter of just again being in the flow of it. I don't sit behind a desk all day. It's not my style.

**You come from a long line of butchers. Tell us about that.**

Yes, my grandfather was a butcher in Hell's Kitchen. My father, obviously, was a butcher in Hell's Kitchen. When my grandfather decided to move to Massapequa, my dad kept the business running for a while, and then he opened his own in Yonkers. Then basically, the supermarkets took over the business. They stopped selling to butchers the split meat.

You couldn't buy a half anymore. Everything became boxed meat. Once everything became boxed meat, the supermarkets became very effective at it. Christie's, I think, was one of the first ones to really introduce the supermarket in the city. Before then, to get your meat, you'd go to your butcher, you'd go get your fish at your monger.



**What would you say, as a chef, is your specialty?**

A specialty just reflects on what you like, right? I did a lot of the "East meets West," back in the day with Ming Tsai. I wouldn't say I was personally at the forefront of it, but when this country started adapting to the Asian flavors, I think the Asian flavors really lit up. So I like to use a lot of Asian flavors in American-style food because David Burke's definitely one of my mentors, and I just thought his American style, with all the fusion—or influence, I would call it, not fusion—I hate the word fusion. I really do. With the influences of Asia, he used a lot of that. Again, Ming Tsai did the same thing. I went towards that, of course, with French influence. There's no way of getting out of that. We were all trained French-style cooking back in the '90s.

**Talk about how you got started (besides being from a butcher family).**

I was in college and then I just joined the ACF (American Culinary Federation), and I did an apprenticeship program. Then, I went to Garden City Hotel and I said, "I know how to butcher. I want to learn how to cook." The guy said to me, "Do you know how to butcher?" I said, "Yes." He took me in the butcher room, I started butchering the fish, the fish came a little—it came natural, but it was a little different than the meat. Once he saw me butchering, he hired me, and that's where I started.

**What is your goal at Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa?**

Definitely to improve speed. Once you can im-

*"There's definitely a different energy. Look, good cooks are good cooks. I don't care where they are. People who are passionate about this business, people who want to be good at what they do are good anywhere. This place—when it's busy, it's crazy just like the city."*

prove in speed, you can improve in quality, you can improve in everything else. I think that's the goal right now is to get things going quicker, smoother, and then quickening and then giving a better product. One of my biggest goals right now is to make a better lobster roll.

**What does that entail? What are your ideas to make it better?**

It's got to be real, fresh meat. Let's face it, that's all it really comes down to is getting a really good product, really fresh, and getting it on that table fresh as can be.

**What is your ideal lobster roll?**

My ideal one would be a slightly warm one with a little lemon. Let the lobster shine through. I love the

lemon on it. I'm still a little old school, with a touch of tarragon, I've got to be honest. The mayonnaise is just something there. It's not a salad.

**Do you plan to incorporate a lot of local ingredients and produce?**

Absolutely. I'm going to try and get as much from the farmers out here during the season as I can. Why wouldn't you, right? The corn, all the key ingredients, too. I don't care what anybody says, the corn (on the East End) is the best in the world. Some of our tomatoes are the best in the world, too. I know Jersey is going to fight us on that!

*To learn more about Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa, visit [gurneysresorts.com/montauk](http://gurneysresorts.com/montauk).*

# A Dream Vintage for Wölffer Estate Vineyard



BY LEE MEYER

**I**t's almost summer in the Hamptons, which means rosé season is nearly here. In the last several years, rosé has become synonymous with the East End, and this year, Wölffer Estate Vineyard is especially excited about their latest pink offerings.

"First of all, we had this dream vintage of 2020," says winemaker Roman Roth of the 2020 Summer in a Bottle and Estate Rosé. "It was literally a dream come true, it was the perfect growing season last year, so there was some good news in 2020, and just a dream. July, August and September were amazingly dry. It was almost a drought year, which is great for making quality wines, and then, of course, comes all the big pressure, the big push that we get everything beautifully and well-protected into the bottles." Roth and his team are currently finishing the bottling process for both wines. Once they release them, he says, "it starts a wave of excitement, and just the spring feeling, the summer feeling is here."

While the climate has become increasingly unpredictable, Roth feels this year's vintages benefited from it. "It's cooler out here. That is great for the grapes. It dries the dew quicker, so

there's less fungus pressure. It dries the grapes quicker. We expose the grapes by removing the leaves around the clusters so that they get the sun. The sun hits them quicker, they dry quicker, the air hits them better."

That Roth is so enthusiastic about this year's vintage says a lot, considering how hard it must have been to work under social distancing conditions during the pandemic. "We've been very strict, we work late, we work shifts," explains Roth. "We had half our team. At harvest times, we had the morning shifts and then the night shifts so that there's not 12 people running around, there's only six people running around. All we do is work, so nobody went out partying."

Wölffer, along with the rest of the Hamptons and North Fork wineries, have helped

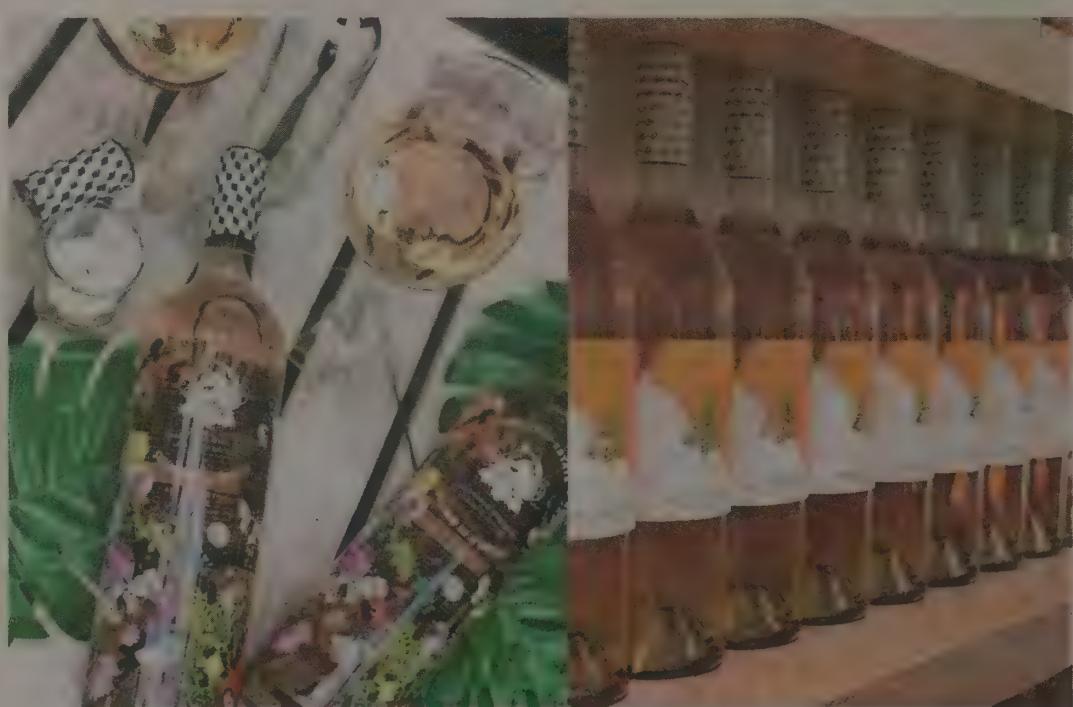
make a name for Long Island as a burgeoning wine industry, with several, including Paumanok and Pindar, taking home big awards at the New York Wine Classic this year. "New Yorkers are very spoiled," Roth says with a chuckle. "They get everything from around the world. Everybody wants to sell in New York. I think there are over 2,200 rosés on sale in New York. Qual-

ity, in the end, is what counts."

And quality means consistency. "I think, always, most important is consistency because I said earlier everybody can make good wine in a good year. We've really been pushing. We're really working hard on the consistency that every year, we make nice wine. I think that's where, finally, we've managed to break the ice, to break the prejudice. You know how hard it is to break prejudice."

**Summer in a Bottle 2020 tasting notes:** Don't be misguided by the 2020 Summer in a Bottle Rosé bottle design. With its whimsical exterior, inside lays a purposeful yet approachable rosé. Each vintage brings a new chance to capture the ripe fruit, and 2020 provided ideal growing conditions for each cluster, giving every berry a chance to ripen perfectly. The nine grape varietals transform this blend, creating a complex yet balanced palate, savory, long finish and luxurious ripeness that's unmatched.

**2020 Estate Rosé tasting notes:** The 2020 Estate Rosé brings complexity, great dimension and understated elegance. Destined to remain an award-winning favorite, scoring 90 points for *Wine Enthusiast*, the Estate Rosé's brightness and acidity give a strong nod to the maritime climate that gives the unique characteristics to the grapes that lend to this wine's final taste. It was the rosé that started it all for the Wölffer brand, and the 2020 vintage is truly the greatest in its history. Floral aromas with rose petals, orange, fresh melon and ripe kiwi fill the glass.



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# EAST END LIVING

## Successful Philanthropy: Loida Lewis, Philanthropist and Widow of Reginald F. Lewis

BY JEAN SHAFIROFF

Loida Lewis, chair of the Reginald F. Lewis Foundation, is the first Filipino woman to pass the New York State Bar without attending law school in the United States. Co-author of *How to Get a Green Card*, Loida assumed leadership of TLC Beatrice International upon the death of her husband, Reginald F. Lewis, who purchased Beatrice for nearly \$1 billion, thus becoming the first African American to create a billion dollar business.

**You were the first Asian woman to pass the New York State Bar examination to practice law in the State of New York. Can you tell us more about this?**

Before 1974, being a U.S. citizen was a requirement in order to take the bar examinations in the United States. But the U.S. Supreme Court decided in 1974 that citizenship was not essential to becoming a lawyer in the United States. At that time, the New York State Bar Association considered the University of the Philippines College of Law equal to an American Law School. As a graduate of UP, I was eligible to take the New York State Bar examinations. In December 1974, I passed the New York Bar and became the first Asian woman to practice law in both the Philippines and in the United States. I was not a U.S. citizen at that time and did not study in the USA, so I am the first Asian woman to pass the New York bar examinations without having graduated from a law school in the USA.

**What is your background, and why did you settle in the United States?**

I was born and raised in the Philippines with entrepreneurial parents. Although my father was orphaned when he was 12, he lived with a wealthy uncle who had several businesses. Instead of finishing law school at the University of the Philippines, he started a lumber business which became Nicfur Furniture Company. My mother ran her pharmacy



and pawn shop. Papa also had three movie houses, bowling alleys and a sand and gravel construction company. When I graduated from St. Theresa's College, he encouraged me to go to law school at the university where he failed to finish law. After I passed the Philippine Bar examinations and was sworn in as a lawyer, he sent me on a trip around the world as his gift. My mother and I stayed in New York to wait for my sister Imelda (Mely) to finish her Masters of Arts degree at Columbia University. While in New York, I met Reginald F. Lewis on a blind date. We were married eight months later in Manila. He was a graduate of Harvard Law School and was a practicing lawyer in New York.

**Tell us about your late husband, Reginald F. Lewis, who ran Beatrice Foods.**

My husband Reginald F. Lewis's ambition was to acquire a business, make it profitable and then sell it or bring it public. Although he had a successful law firm called Lewis & Clarkson, he tried to buy a business three times but failed. Always tenacious when he set his mind on a goal, he was finally able to buy McCall Pattern Company on a leveraged buyout of \$22.5 million with only \$1 million in equity. He sold it after three years with a 90-1 return on his investment. That same year in 1987, he engineered the leveraged buyout of Beatrice International Foods, 64 companies in 31 countries, for almost \$1 billion, with Michael Milken of Drexel Burnham Lambert as his investment banker.

**Reginald Lewis passed away in 1993, how did your life change?**

I was completely devastated. My two daughters and I were drastically and fundamentally changed in that the "master of our universe" was taken from our lives after a short illness of brain cancer. After one year of mourning, and with TLC Beatrice International Holdings Inc. floundering and close to bankruptcy, I decided to take over the company rather than depend on somebody else to finish my husband's work. With help from my select team, we



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reduced expenses by laying off personnel in the N.Y. corporate office by 50%. We reduced expenses by 75% and sold non-core businesses and paid down the LBO debt. The new business of Leader Price supermarket was growing by leaps and bounds in France. By 1998, we began to liquidate the company and pay off all debt. Piece by piece we sold off all the business in TLC Beatrice with a total return of \$1 billion gross.

**What did you do to carry on your husband's legacy?**

While he was alive, my husband Reginald F. Lewis was writing his life story. I decided it must be finished so I hired Blair Walker to finish writing his book, *Why Should White Guys Have All the Fun?: How Reginald F. Lewis Created a Billion-Dollar Business Empire*. It was a bestseller when it came out in 1995. He left instructions such that when his estate was settled, 10% should go to The Reginald F. Lewis Foundation. From the time of its founding to the present, the Reginald F. Lewis Foundation has donated nearly \$35 million to educational institutions, museums and other charities—for instance, the Harvard Law School International Law Center, Maryland African American Museum of History and Culture, Virginia State University School of Business, The Lewis College (Philippines) all of which had a building named after Reginald Lewis. In the end, Reginald F. Lewis's legacy are his two daughters and his five grandchildren. But most of all, his legacy are the men and women he inspired to be the best version of themselves in the pursuit of their dreams, as Reginald F. Lewis would say, "Keep going, no matter what."

**"I decided it must be finished so I hired Blair Walker to finish writing his book."**

## EAST END LIVING

# Fitness Guru

## Has Hamptons Feeling The Pulse

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

**J**ulie Dermer wasn't planning on founding her own company, but when the coronavirus shutdown put her out of work as a SoulCycle instructor last year, the Long Island native launched an online workout regimen that has morphed into a fledgling fitness company she dubbed Pulse.

The online classes using makeshift weights as exercise equipment were first intended just to help people who take her classes stay active and get a much-needed endorphins boost during the mentally taxing time when COVID-19 upended countless lives on the East End and beyond. But Julie D, as her fans know her, soon found her following grew to the point she needed to incorporate her business—a rare example of a non-medical company born from the pandemic.

"When the pandemic hit and SoulCycle closed, I within seconds sprang into action," says Dermer, an Upper West Side resident who's been renting a home in East Hampton for the past year. "I felt like I needed to be there for my community. SoulCycle was a place we would run to whenever things went down in the world, good or bad. It was cathartic, it was a place to celebrate, and here we were all of a sudden being forced to stay home and not together."

Just like office workers turned to Zoom, the very next day the fitness pro found the best way to pivot to provide her services to her fanbase was virtually.

"I did a quick workout with them just using whatever I had at home, including wine bottles for weights, a kitchen towel.... We laid down on yoga mats and did ab exercises," she recalls, noting the class still had the same type of music, energy and coaching as usual. "To me it was a real eye opener that we were able to do this without a bike and without being side by side. After this class everybody just immediately messaged me, 'We need to do this again.'"

And so they did, again and again. Over the next few months, the classes grew through word of mouth among her "Pulsers," as she now calls them.

"It gave people a way from their homes to feel connected, not alone, to feel normalcy" she says. "While it is a physical workout with all the benefits of it, more than that this was really a community that we were able to still feel connected to in a scary time. This local type of following started to grow as I got asked to do some Insta lives for different brands. I did one for J.McLaughlin, Terez, Saks 5th Avenue."

The local following grew into a national and global presence. She now has people "Pulsing" from Paris, London and beyond. By August, she launched a



JULIE DERMER

membership program and filed paperwork to form a limited liability corporation.

"It completely blew my mind," Dermer says. "I launched it, and it's now become a sustainable business that I think is going to continue on after things go back. We're celebrating over a year now of Pulsing."

She credits her Pulsers with helping her make it happen.

"I always said at SoulCycle, 'You can always find anyone you need in the room—a doctor, a lawyer,'" she says, recalling how professionals in her class brainstormed the name of the company, devised the logo and made T-shirts. "I've always gone to the community for whatever I needed."

She wasted no time returning the favor, raising thousands of dollars to help frontline workers combatting the virus.

Once restrictions began to ease, Dermer hosted a few live workouts outdoors in places ranging from Central Park to Wölffer Estate Vineyard in Sagapo-

nack and some private classes in people's backyards.

"It was just surreal taking a virtual workout and taking it to real life. Usually it's the opposite," she says. "It's nice to see real people right in front of you."

More live workout locations are in the works, proving silver linings are possible in a difficult year. Dermer, who just celebrated her 50th birthday, welcomed the change it brought in her life.

"I felt a little creatively stuck," she says. "This really stretched me. Every step of the way has been very organic without a real plan.... It's just been one day to the next."

But no pain, no gain, as the saying in many gyms goes.

"I feel like this year has been so enlightening," she says. "Of course, it's been tough as hell, but I feel stronger on the bike, I feel stronger in Pulse, and the two together really work."

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## EAST END LIVING

# CTREE on Track for Transformative Summer with Your Support



BY DAVID TAYLOR

Founded in 2009, the Center for Therapeutic Riding of the East End (CTREE) has been utilizing horse riding lessons and equine assisted activities to improve the lives of people ages 3 into their 80s who live with emotional, cognitive and physical disabilities. As they ramp up for an incredible summer with new programs in a new location, they're in need of the East End community's support to maximize their transformative capabilities.

CTREE was founded on the belief that meaningful interaction with horses provides humans with five vital therapeutic benefits—physical, sensorial, emotional, cognitive and social. “A horse’s gait at a walk provides input into a human vestibular system that simulates walking as if the human is walking,” CTREE managing director Karen T. Bocksel explains. “People with MS (multiple sclerosis) or CP (cerebral palsy), people who are paraplegic and able to ride get the opportunity to ‘walk’ with a nice stride, since when they’re walking, their gaits are compromised.... The input into the human is that they’re walking, getting all of that exercise and all of those endorphins and good feelings, while they’re legs don’t need to be doing it. For a little child who might be hypotonic with very loose muscles, it provides huge core strengthening!”

“That’s just the physical aspect of it,” she continues. “For learning disabilities—kids with autism, kids with cognitive challenges—the horse becomes a partner. So their partner in their sport is their

horse, who is totally accepting of whatever is happening and whatever they’re working on. Horses don’t judge. They are able to use the motivation for the horse to get from point A to point B, to trot or to walk a circle, and it gets the kids in the moment and doing something that has instant gratification.”

Last year, CTREE introduced Horses Heal which focuses on the improving the emotional wellbeing of frontline workers, healthcare workers and first responders by giving them a quiet respite where they can watch, groom and confide in an equine friend. The program will return later this spring.

“I’ve been doing this for 30 years, it’s been an industry unto itself for over 50 years, and therapists back in Germany, where it first started, have been doing it with psychiatric patients for even longer than that. It’s amazing that the research part is so new, maybe 15 to 20 years old at the most,” Bocksel says. “We all knew it worked, but we had no proof. Now there is proof that it works for all of these areas!”

During the pandemic, CTREE were able to secure a PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan to keep their staff employed, actively caring for the horses and engaged in numerous educational Zoom meetings. “The time was spent very wisely; none of us were bored,” Bocksel notes, adding that, with the help of some very creative volunteers, CTREE also sent photos of the horses and letters “written by” the horses to each of the program’s young riders.

In summer 2020, CTREE moved from its long-term home at Wölffer Estate Vineyard to Twin Oaks

Farm, also in Sagaponack. The move has allowed CTREE, the only tenant of the farm, to expand its schedule beyond what was previously possible at its prior shared space.

“Being at the new center, we’re able to now offer daytime lessons for people. When we were at Wölffer, we were only able to do evenings when Wölffer was closed,” Bocksel says. “Once we get through COVID, are able to get back up to our old capacity and have more of a system, we will be adding a camp for children.”

The weeklong camps are expected to take place four mornings out of the week with lessons in riding, horsemanship and equine care taught under the guidance of a therapeutic riding instructor and counselor. The inclusionary camps will allow the family members of riders with special needs to join, as well, and will likely be limited to four riders, each paired with a volunteer. There will also be an optional Friday morning class that serves as an introduction to horse camp.

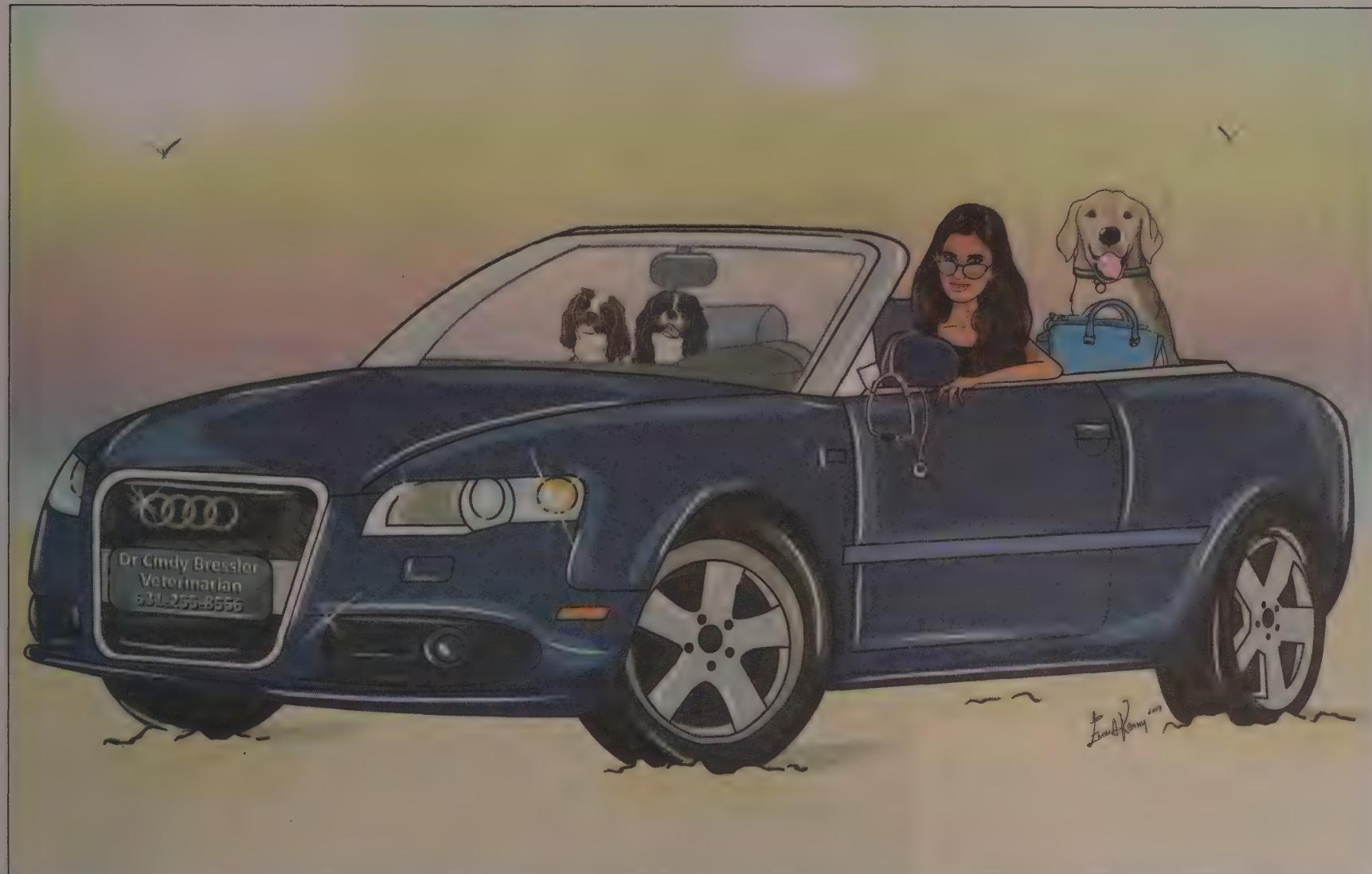
“I did [an inclusionary camp] when I worked in New Jersey, and it was wonderfully successful because a lot of regular camps don’t take children with special needs, and special needs camps don’t take children with no special needs,” Bocksel says. “This camp will be a nice segway into seeing how it goes, and we’ll see down the road if we can offer some more things during the school year for siblings.”

With so many new and returning programs in the coming months, CTREE is asking for the community’s support in three ways—donations, volunteers and horses. In addition to the donation page on the CTREE website ([ctreeny.org/donate](http://ctreeny.org/donate)), charitable souls can make donations at the upcoming open house on May 21 or at the special fundraiser on June 4.

Volunteers ages 14 and up are needed for upcoming camps, programs and events, and junior volunteers are required for the camps, as well. Those who wish to lead the horses, must have prior equine experience, but side-walkers, barn helpers and other volunteers will receive training, making this an excellent way to earn community service.

With Twin Oaks Farm offering the stable space for up to six horses, CTREE is on the lookout for three free-lease horses—teenaged or older, no larger than 16 hands and with great personalities—who will return to their owners upon retirement. “It’s very hard to retire horses in this area, so we prefer not to have to do that ourselves,” Bocksel explains. “Due to COVID, there seems to be an incredible shortage of people donating horses to therapeutic riding programs. In this whole Northeast area, there is a shortage of that, so a lot of the programs are having the same problem we’re having with getting more horses.”

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## Pandemic Pals

### *Pet Adoption Boom on East End*

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

If you love animals, you know the joy and companionship a pet can bring. Enter COVID-19, and it's no wonder the demand for adoptions and fosters has skyrocketed.

"We do about 200 dog adoptions a year. Last year we did almost 400, so in 2020 we doubled our number of adoptions," says Michelle Montak, founder and director of Gimme Shelter Animal Rescue, a non-profit, foster-based dog rescue foundation operating out of Sagaponack. "During COVID, I think people realized the value and compassion of having the love of an animal. It was a big draw in 2020, people were looking for something to comfort them, and dogs offer unconditional love."

According to Montak, Gimme Shelter has saved 3,000 dogs in the last 10 years. It does not have a physical facility or shelter. Most of the rescues come from the South, and the mission is to rescue animals destined for euthanasia in high kill facilities, to address them medically and then to transport them to their foster network on the East End, before being adopted.

One of those rescue dogs in 2020 found its forever home with actress and Montauk resident Julianne Moore, and her husband Bart Freundlich.

"We were so ready to adopt another dog and really wanted a rescue (our lab mix Cherry passed away two years ago)," says Moore. "Gimme Shelter is very thorough in their vetting process and careful about placing their dogs. When we heard there was a lab mix puppy named Cherry being fostered about 15 minutes from where we live (in Montauk), of course we felt like it was a sign! When we went to meet her, it was about an hour after Biden was declared the winner of the election. It was a very happy day moment when we met our gorgeous new puppy—and we renamed her Hope."

Animal shelters on the East End have been working hard this year to keep up with the (continued) demand, while pivoting and adjusting to new and stringent regulations, and the realities of operating as an essential service during a pandemic.

"For each new animal posted for adoption (in the past year) we were flooded with applications," says Jamie Berger, director of marketing and communications at the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons (ARF). "There was way more demand for animals than we had. So we did not see an increase in adoptions because of supply. Our rescue transports were



JULIANNE MOORE HOLDING HER DOG MILLY AND HER HUSBAND BART FREUNDLICH HOLDING HOPE, THE DOG THEY ADOPTED FROM GIMME SHELTER.

an issue, with crossing state lines and the quarantining. But the silver lining in this is that because our inventory was low about 10 of our long-term residents got adopted or fostered—many of which were overlooked for longer than we had hoped."

At Bideawee's Westhampton location, where there

is a shelter, an animal hospital and a pet memorial park, "demand for adoptable animals rose exponentially during the pandemic," says Leslie Granger, CAWA and Bideawee President/CEO. "The demand to adopt is still so high—I haven't seen it drop yet."

According to Granger, since March of last year, Bideawee did 317 adoptions in Westhampton, and between 1,600 and 1,700 over all three locations in Manhattan, Wantagh and Westhampton.

"Our ability to keep up with demand was hampered by safety protocols to keep all staff, volunteers and adopters safe—plus transport inconsistency, less animals being surrendered, adoptions by appointment all led to fewer adoptions," adds Granger. "But we are now seeing that start to increase and expect it to continue back up to pre-pandemic levels, hopefully by the fall."

What are the chances now of adopting a dog or cat from a shelter or rescue out East? Better than last year at this time.

"People are still trying to adopt—which is fabulous—we can't seem to keep up with the demand," says Berger. "Right now our inventory is on the lower side, 50-75 animals in the building, not all available



TIM MALONE, DON LEMON WITH THEIR DOGS FROM SASF

COURTESY DON LEMON

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for adoption just yet."

But spring is here, and with it, the impending kitten explosion.

"As far as ferals go on the East End, ARF's Operation Cat Program is up and running," says Berger. "We were shut down for a bit at the height of the pandemic but we are now back on a limited capacity.... We do need foster volunteers out in the community to help spot feral kittens in colonies, and if they get spayed and neutered early, that's how they get adopted."

"Foster has been our saving grace," says Granger. "More than 700 people applied to be foster families at Bideawee in the first week of the pandemic."

Gimme Shelter saw "about double the amount of fosters this year," adds Montak.

In Hampton Bays at Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation (SASF), which serves animals in need including, dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, guinea pigs and "lots of roosters and chickens who stray," there are about 48 dogs for adoption—everything from 9-month-old black lab puppies to senior dogs, notes Kate McEntee, director of pet adoptions.

"The number of cats is "in the 80s—that goes up to about 100 in kitten season, as we are about to get slammed with kittens."

CNN anchor Don Lemon and his fiancé Tim Malone adopted their three rescue dogs from SASF.

"We love them so much," says Lemon. "These dogs are our lives," adds Malone, "and without them (SASF) we wouldn't have them."

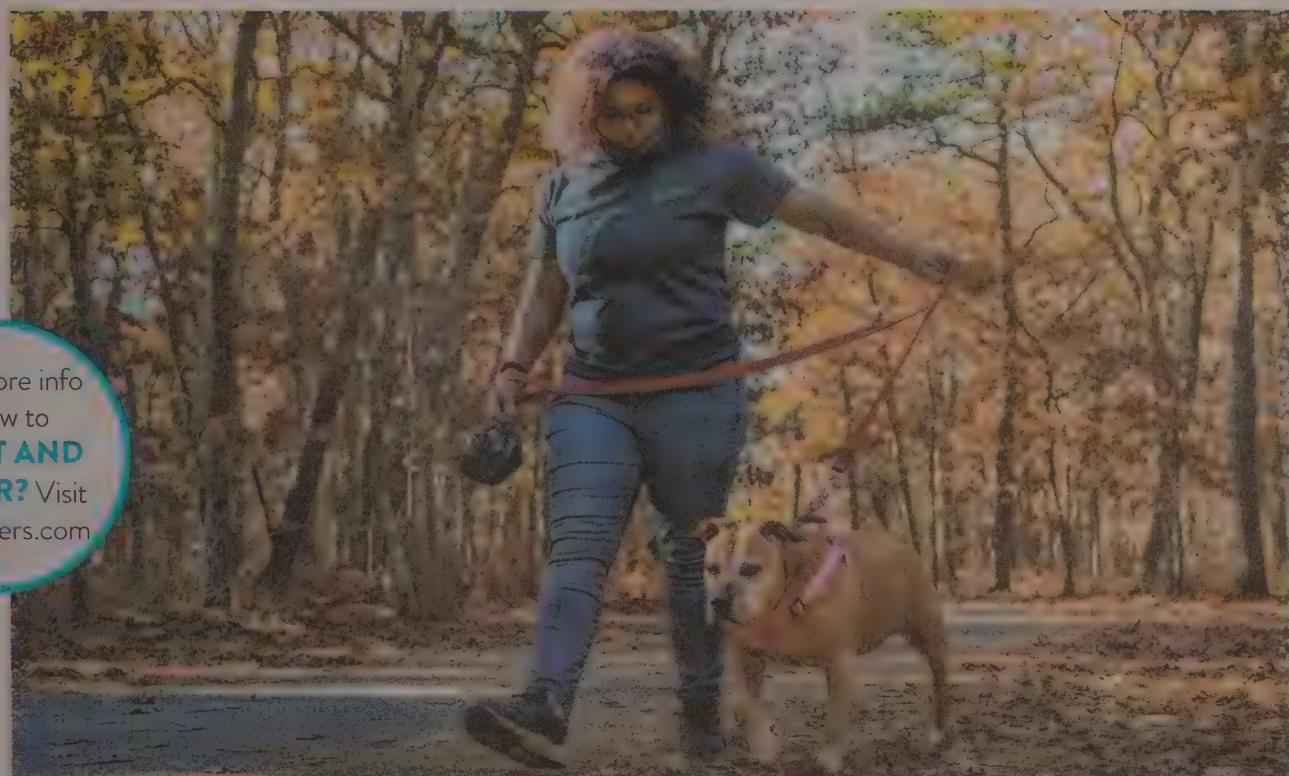
McEntee says Lemon and Malone are "great adopters," but she worries about others, and "what will happen when everyone goes back to work."

It's a concern echoed by many local shelters.

"People are home now, with time on their hands, but I hope if people start going back to work, that the animals don't go through separation anxiety," says Gabby Stroup, manager of North Fork Animal Welfare League (NFAWL) which helps "dogs, cats and the occasional pig" and has a contract to conduct animal control with the town of Southold. "My hope is they are invested in these dogs and they won't want to return them."

Is there evidence of the trend that after the summer, people give up their pets?

"I haven't seen that," says Jamie Berger from ARF, who is quick to point out that "ARF's grassroots effort began in 1974 because when Labor Day rolled



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around, the animals were left behind." Today, Berger's "biggest concern is as things get back to normal, will we see some of these pets coming back because people might not have time for them."

"It happens, that a match is returned, but not often," says Stroup. "I'd say by the end of April last year at NFAWL we were probably empty with no dogs left." Today Stroup says they have 59 cats and about 38 dogs. "A lot of those are in foster and not that many at the shelter right now," she notes.

So what makes the best matchup of

adopter or foster and animal? "It depends on what you are looking for in a pet," says Stroup. "Do you want a dog to ride in the car or go jogging with you? Then you need a more energetic dog. Snuggling on the couch? Obviously a more mellow dog."

"Everyone wants the puppy and the kitten, but once you start talking about that with the potential adopter—is there enough time? What's their schedule?" says Berger.

"Consider your lifestyle," Granger adds. "People will say, 'I have a small

apartment, I want a small dog,' but that small dog may have more energy than you are willing to put up with.... We work really hard to make the right match."

In a time of uncertainty, isolation and loneliness, you might say the shelters and rescues have literally come to the rescue.

"An animal's love brings a lot into our lives," says Montak. "People have discovered how beautiful a relationship can be with a dog. They are amazing, magical creatures."



A ROUNDUP OF ANIMALS FROM LOCAL SHELTERS (TOP ROW: NFAWL, SASF, NFAWL; BOTTOM ROW: ARF, SASF, ARF)

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# Dr. Cindy Bressler on Important Health Tips for Your Pet

BY GREGORIO AGUILAR

During the pandemic, many pets were adopted or purchased. East End and New York veterinarian Dr. Cindy Bressler talks about the important things new pet owners should look for, the importance of exercise for your pup or cat and more.

#### What are some health issues new pet owners should look for?

New owners should look for signs of contagious diseases like sneezing, coughing, nasal or ocular discharge, weakness, vomiting, diarrhea or poor appetite. They should also look for skin disease or anything that looks abnormal on their pets' skin (redness, hair loss, scaliness, fleas, pimples).

Puppies and kittens commonly get upper respiratory diseases, upper respiratory infections, kennel cough, conjunctivitis or pneumonia.

They can also be infected with parasites such as roundworms, hookworms, giardia, coccidia or gastrointestinal viruses causing vomiting, diarrhea or inappetence.

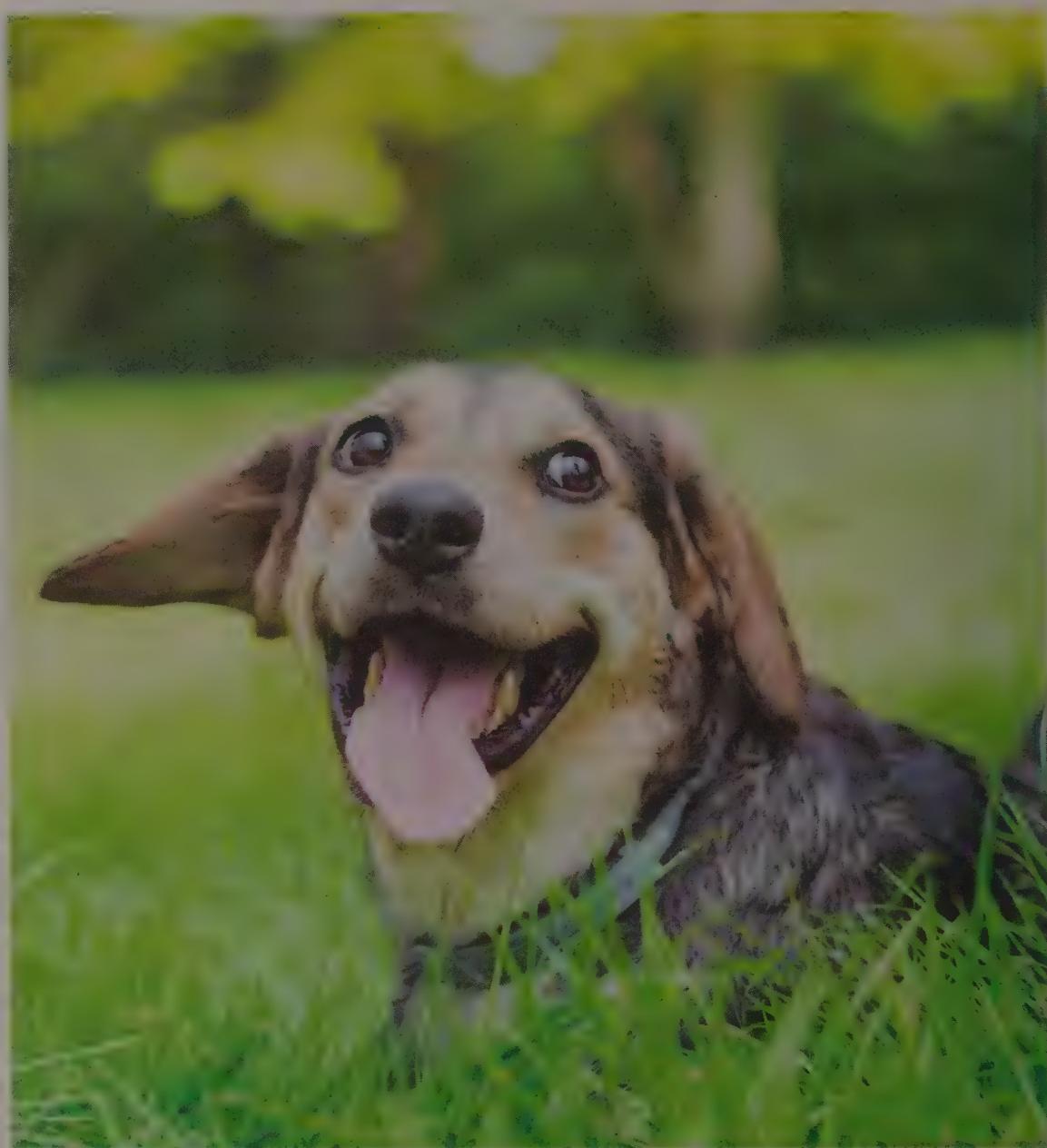
Common skin diseases include external parasites fleas or mites (mange), fungal infections such as ringworm or just generalized pyoderma or bacterial skin disease.

They should also be aware of congenital problems such as umbilical hernias, cleft palates as well as signs of hypoglycemia which may manifest as weakness or lethargy and may represent an underlying liver shunt common in small breeds.

#### Talk about the difference between adoption and buying and if any different health issues come up.

It is always better to adopt a pet from a shelter than to buy a breed. There are many animals who need homes at shelters. There are also many more puppies and kittens in shelters that were purchased during the pandemic and surrendered when families could not take care of them. Please consult local shelters and rescue groups to see if they have available pets.

There are common breed related issues that should be researched when adopting or purchasing a new pet. Remember to research both breeds if you



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are interested in a mixed breed such as a golden-doodle or bernadoodle. Look up golden retriever and poodle or Bernese mountain dogs and poodle.

#### How do you guide people when they are faced with a difficult decision about their ailing animals?

As pet parents, we are responsible for our dogs' comfort and quality of life. We are the ones who need to make sure that they are not in pain or suffering. When a pet is sick, as veterinarians we try to do whatever we can to help or save an animal without causing them any harm. If we have tried everything but can no longer help them and we feel that they are not comfortable or happy, we, together with our clients, try to make the best decisions for our pets.

#### Are there any new veterinary procedures or services pet owners should know about?

Wellness is very important for pets. We are now providing our animals with nutrition consults, acupuncture, massage, physical therapy and things to help them emotionally. For example, many people pet their dogs but never massage them. It is very important for dogs to have this therapy which will help with their emotional wellbeing and also physical problems such as arthritis or hip/back pain where

the muscles are always stiff. Please remember that touch is essential to our bond with our animals. We spend hours on our phones all day and then we come home at night and watch TV or Netflix or go out.

Our pets only have us for company, activity, entertainment, play, exercise and closeness. Remember to give them attention and to put the phone down daily for a while to be with them.

#### Talk about tick safety and how to protect animals from them in the warmer months.

Ticks can cause many diseases. Please talk to your veterinarian about monthly tick prevention. Please also discuss tick control with one of the many pest control companies that we have out east. Also have your pets groomed frequently or bathe them yourself to check for ticks on their bodies.

This is very important especially if you sleep with your pets. Ticks can fall off into the bed and bite you or your family members. Tick disease may follow causing many problems for the affected individual. Tick control is essential to help protect our pets and ourselves.

Dr. Bressler will also be starting Hamptons Veterinary Specialists next month, which will bring specialists to the Hamptons. For more info, visit [drcindybressler.com](http://drcindybressler.com).



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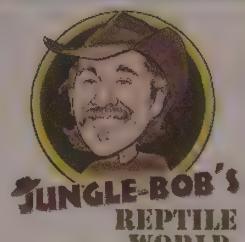
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### *Three Generations of Family Fencing*

BY DAVID TAYLOR

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**Which of your services are most popular or most requested this time of year?**

Obviously, our residential fences, our custom automated access estate gates and our driveway/asphalt service—those are the busiest in the spring.

**When is the best season to begin the process of putting in a new fence?**

There really is no season anymore. We work year-round, 12 months out of the year. Barring a dramatic freeze, which we really don't get anymore, we work year-round, so I'm not going to say there's a better time than another. Typically, spring wakes everybody up to start their projects, but if somebody were to ask when *should* they start, it really doesn't matter anymore. If we were further north, it would obviously be prior to December, but on Long Island it doesn't matter.

**What are the latest trends you're seeing in East End fencing?**

On the East End, obviously deer fences. The deer population, just doubles and doubles. And it's also very very busy right now with automated gates.

**If a homeowner already has a fence or privet installed, how difficult is it to add an automated gate?**

If approached properly, it can be a very simple process. It's definitely something we do all the time, as well as adding automation to existing gates. The other thing that's very



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popular right now is updating existing automation to today's technology, because technology seems to be advancing so quickly that every year we get an updated version of automated access. Something that was installed 10 years ago is antiquated already. And the people who have the money to spend, want to stay updated. That service is very busy right now because we have telephone entry systems that don't need to be wired anymore, so it's less problematic.

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**What types of fencing do you recommend to clients looking**

**for a good balance between privacy and luxury?**

I'll be honest, and it probably sounds terrible to say, but it really does depend on your geographical location. If we're talking out east, where money is a little less of a problem, a custom cedar fence always tends to stand out more than another. Custom cedar or a mahogany fence is always going to be, to me, the top-of-the-line fence. That's your basic privacy plus your luxury at the same time.

**Tell me about your other services—railings, decks, sheds, land clearing and anything else that's commonly requested this time of year.**

Right now, we're getting a ton of requests for sheds, and that's even becoming a little more popular on the East End, where that wasn't the case years ago. But even now, with people moving out because of COVID, they tend to find themselves with more year-round objects—bicycles, Christ-

mas lights and decorations, whatever it may be—and they're looking for additional storage. Sheds are very popular.

And then, obviously, people who are living on a piece of property that's larger than they're using, now they want to clear some more of their property and fence it in, so that's very popular in the spring. To be honest, the way things are going right now (knock on wood) everything's good.

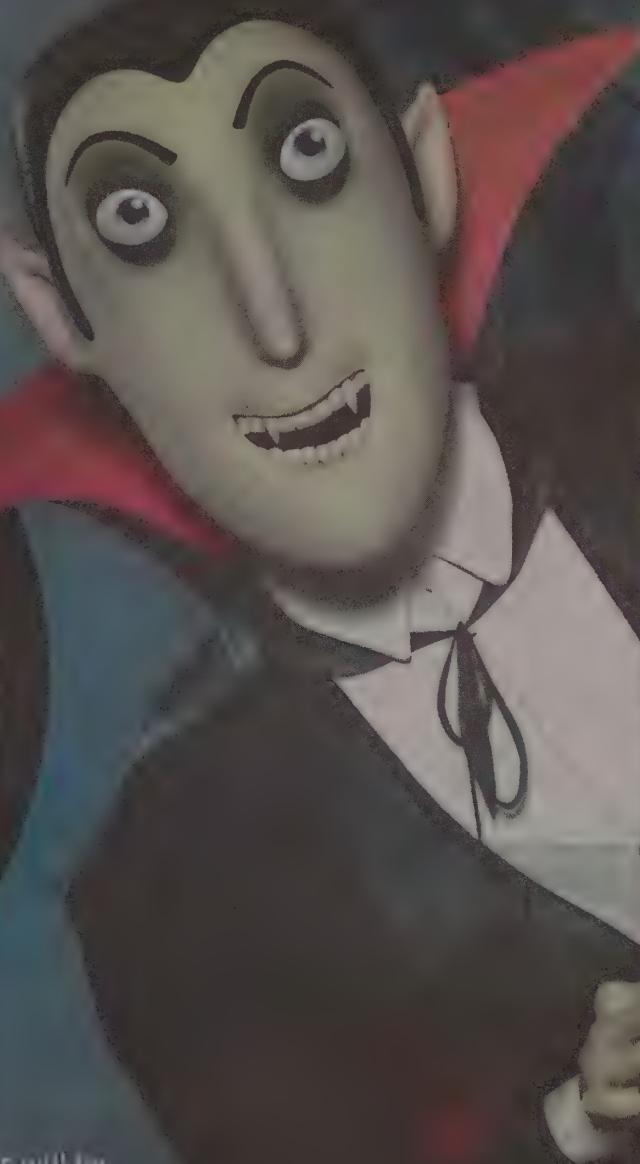
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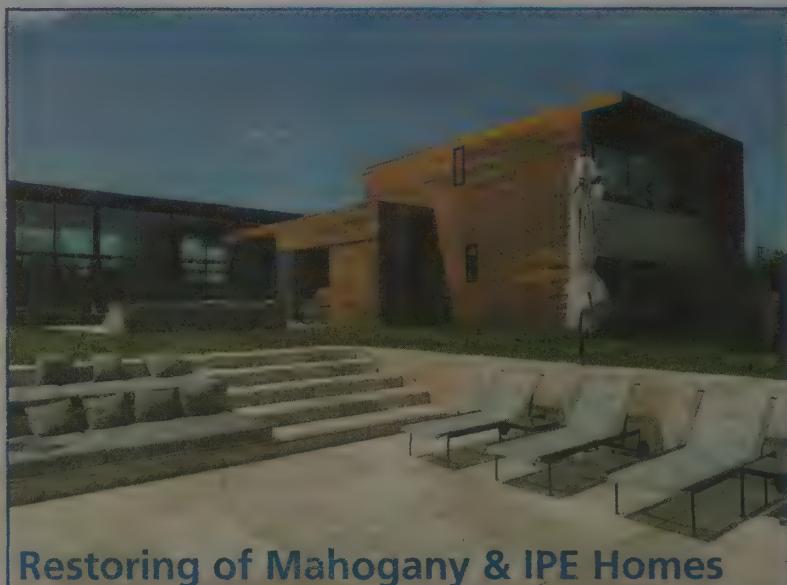


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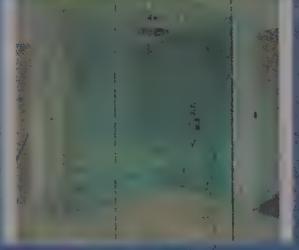
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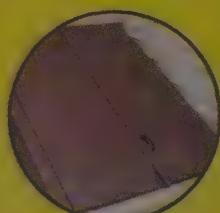
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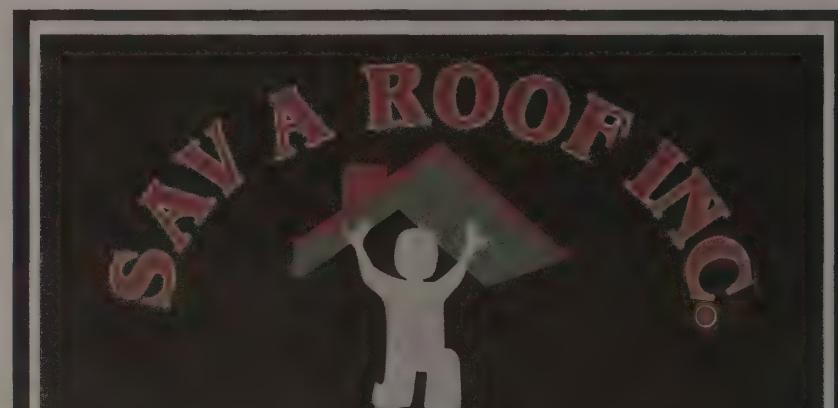


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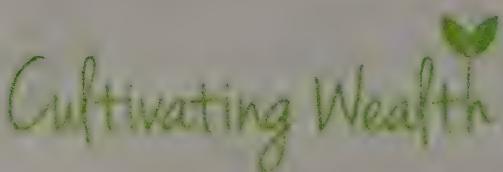
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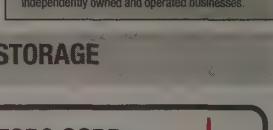


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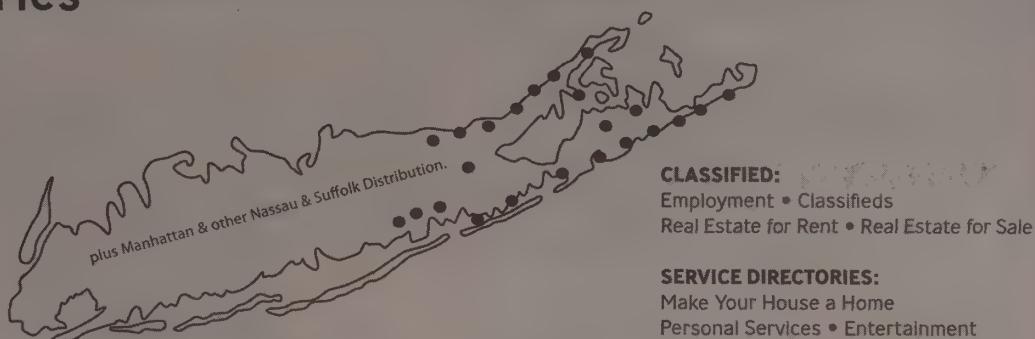
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# HIGH PROFILE

## Riverhead Town Supervisor Yvette Aguiar

BY TODD SHAPIRO

**S**upervisor Yvette Aguiar is more than just a public servant, but an American hero, and this week's East End Power Broker.

Aguiar was elected to the position of supervisor in 2019—her first election for public office. Her qualifications are many and varied, whether it is her Doctorate in Business Administration or two decades as a Sergeant with the New York City Police Department's Counter Terrorism Division. She is also a professor with the American Military University, where she teaches graduate-level courses in management and security.

In shaping Supervisor Aguiar's views on public service, she recalls the traumatic experience of September 11, 2001. The Riverhead Supervisor was then a plain-clothes officer in the NYPD. Aguiar was directly across the street from the Towers at the time of impact. She would spend the next 14 months at Ground Zero and at the New York City morgue, assisting in recovery efforts.

"Having the credentials, knowledge and experience following 9/11, I wanted to continue to work with my experience," she says. "Unfortunately, September 11, 2001—the largest terrorist attack in American history—began a terrorism war. Today, we are seeing a health war. To see both of these events, from different perspectives, has been tremendously challenging...and it has been tremendously helpful for me with the coronavirus, having experience following the attacks."

The Aguiar family began residing in Hampton Bays in 1999 and moved to Riverhead in 2012, she and her husband Paul Carr designed and built their dream retirement home. Immediately upon arrival in Riverhead, she became known around town as a local "rising star," and someone with a vast array of interests that made her qualified in local affairs.

In 2019, she took all of her experience, made a palm card and sought the position of Chief Executive of the Town of Riverhead when she became the first Latina in Suffolk County to hold the esteemed position of Town Supervisor.

Riverhead encompasses nine hamlets on the North Fork beginning at the mouth of Peconic River. Within the



RIVERHEAD TOWN SUPERVISOR YVETTE AGUIAR

town are countless tourist attractions ranging from wine country to Grangabell Park, with rapidly growing population size. Aguiar, who some have called a political newcomer, realized that this role would be no small feat.

After winning the election, Aguiar took over the reins as supervisor with large plans to increase code enforcement, revitalize Riverhead downtown, maintain the agricultural heritage of the town and preserve farmland, and a handful of law enforcement and emergency service issues such as ensuring that the town's ambulance communication system was properly funded.

A stark contrast, Aguiar says, from the previous administration.

"With certain restrictions due to COVID-19, we have not been able to address the evictions to the extent to which the Town of Riverhead is satisfied," she says. "However, we also have a tremendous list of accomplishments, of which I am proud of—not the least of which is opening up Main Street to the waterfront, with the purchase of three buildings, which will soon become a Town Square. With intergovernmental cooperation between Congressman Lee Zeldin and the county executive, we are getting this done as part of a

beautification and economic development effort.

"We are also in the process of revitalizing our transit area, which has been a longtime blight on our community," she continues. "With a lot of interest from developers, this project is moving forward rapidly."

Aguiar gets her sense of service from her commitment to the people, often saying in public settings that "you serve your people best when you serve them first." This has, in many ways, become a mantra of her administration, which, she says, has allowed her to utilize her skills and knowledge in private and public life to better the lives of Riverhead residents.

Though, in her second year, she has another serious campaign ahead.

Serving in office has taught her to apply the skills of teamwork, collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving. Aguiar says one of the most blatant times that these characteristics were put to test was first through the 9/11 terrorist attacks and now, the COVID-19 pandemic, both of which share many emergency management similarities.

Throughout her first term, she has become one of the most outspoken,

active and high-profile officials on the East End, most notably when it comes to revitalization. The Aguiar administration has sought a Master Developer to help the town chart its path forward with responsible development that poised the town for sustainability and future success.

She has also, though, been tireless in advocating for the residents of Riverhead with regard to vaccine fairness during the pandemic. In March, she was able to secure over 300 vaccinations for the vulnerable senior population and seeks to do more.

Aguiar is engaged in her community and is a member of the Riverhead Lions, Elks and Moose clubs. She is also a puppy raiser for the Guide Dog Foundation for the blind and is currently raising a black lab she named River.

As much as Aguiar is a history maker, she is a public servant who cares deeply about our East End communities and those within the Town of Riverhead. She is a power player, a power broker and someone who seeks two more years of leadership to further her mission of a better Riverhead for all and to complete many of the efforts she initiated in her first term.

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